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To Mr. Scott Pryler, SWAPA Union Scheduler,

This letter is being sent to you on behalf of hundreds of airline pilots who have contacted America's Frontline Doctors (AFLDS) requesting independent medical information regarding the safety and efficacy of COVID-19 vaccines. Our findings raise significant concerns in light of reports that airline executives and union representatives are considering agreeing to COVID-19 vaccination mandates for airline employees. Proposed COVID vaccine mandates are troubling for multiple reasons, including the law, safety, and liability.

First, the vaccines are currently approved under an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) status. As such, they are considered investigational or experimental and there are no long-term studies to demonstrate safety or efficacy. That is why these vaccines are not fully licensed. Legally, EUA vaccines can only be given with informed consent, but few recipients understand the risks because they are not being informed.

Second, pilots are not at significant risk of death or illness from COVID-19. The vaccines are approved under an EUA only after a risk-benefit analysis of the population as a whole. But the risk to airline pilots is much lower than the US adult population. Only 6% of COVID-19 deaths have been in people without co-morbid conditions, most commonly old age, obesity, diabetes and severe heart disease. Few pilots have these co-morbidities.

Most airline pilots work hard to maximize their physical health. They devote more time to exercising, eating healthy, and avoiding health threats than most Americans. Pilots also have mandatory medical exams every 6 or 12 months, including cardiac and EKG, and they must legally quit flying commercial aircraft at age 65. So, requiring mandatory vaccination for a virus that, according to CDC, is 99.97% survivable by the the pilot demographic is not rational medical practice.

Third, manufacturers of these investigational vaccines have zero liability for injuries caused by their vaccines. As of February 18, 2021 the CDC VAERS database reports 1,095 post-vaccination deaths and over 19,000 adverse reactions from the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines. Are Airlines going to fully



compensate pilots and their families who lose their career income due to vaccine-caused illnesses? Employers may be liable for resultant harm. In addition there is high concern that the industry will never recover financially if airlines become a de-facto arm of the government.

Ultimately, in the name of protecting their own health, many pilots have confirmed to us that they are extremely reluctant to take a vaccine that puts in jeopardy a job they enjoy and in which they have invested decades of hard work. And for what reason? Pilots who have contacted AFLDS know that there are no studies that show flying on an airliner is a vector for COVID transmission.

We strongly encourage you to review the attached white papers that include both health and legal ramifications if the union backs a direct crew vaccine mandate or other mechanisms that effectively force or coerce crew vaccination. Your fellow union officers and union members deserve a transparent review of all relevant facts before any decision to mandate COVID vaccines. The health of your pilots, the airlines, and ultimately our society demands it. Please contact AFLDS if we can help inform your union officers and membership.

Respectfully,

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