

NEW YORK ELECTED OFFICIALS CALL FOR SUBCONTRACTED AIRPORT WORKERS TO BE INCLUDED IN AIRLINES BAILOUT

“We stand with the nearly 1500 32BJ contracted airport workers from New York and New Jersey Airports (JFK, EWR, LGA) who have been laid off due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis. These workers are skycaps, wheelchair agents, cabin cleaners, and baggage handlers employed by various contractors. Their jobs are crucial to keeping the airport safe and running effectively. These workers are the “invisible workforce” and it’s unconscionable to leave them out of any efforts to preserve jobs in the industry.

“The U.S. airline industry is seeking at least \$50 billion from the federal government in response to the COVID-19 crisis. In exchange for a bail out, airlines have promised to preserve jobs for the hardworking men and women who are directly employed by U.S. airlines, as well as the 10 million jobs supported by the airline industry. However, airlines have left out a large portion of workers – low-wage sub-contracted workers who have little protections in this time.

“These workers should not be penalized by this public health and economic crisis. They do some of the hardest jobs at the airport and receive the lowest wages and often don’t have access to affordable healthcare or paid time off.

“As elected leaders from New York and New Jersey, we demand that no airline receive any federal assistance without assurances that all workers, including contracted airport workers, are meaningfully protected in this time of crisis.

“Airlines must honor their commitment to preserve and protect all airport jobs!”

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