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between **ALASKA AIRLINES, INC.** 

and the

**ASSOCIATION OF FLIGHT ATTENDANTS-CWA, AFL-CIO** 

## OCTOBER 2020 INVOLUNTARY FURLOUGH MITIGATIONS

This LETTER OF AGREEMENT is made between ALASKA AIRLINES, INC. ("Company") and the ASSOCIATION OF FLIGHT ATTENDANTS-CWA, AFL-CIO ("Association").

- WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has caused an unprecedented drop in demand for air travel; and
- WHEREAS, the Company has determined that a reduction in force is necessary beginning October 2020; and
- WHEREAS, the parties wish to minimize the number and impact of involuntary furloughs and to enhance the provisions of Sections 15.B [Staffing Adjustment ... Leaves of Absence] and 18.A [Involuntary Furlough Mitigation] of the collective-bargaining agreement;
- NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree:
- I. INVOLUNTARY FURLOUGH MITIGATION EFFORTS
  - The Company will offer the following extended leaves of absence and Α. voluntary furloughs to help mitigate the number of involuntary furloughs:
    - Extended leaves of absence (ELOAs) of twelve (12) months 1. duration, commencing October 2020; and
    - 2. Enhanced Voluntary Furloughs (EVFs) of six (6), nine (9), twelve (12) and fifteen (15) months duration, all commencing October 2020.
    - В. Flight Attendants may bid for one, some, or all Extended Leaves of Absence and/or Enhanced Voluntary Furloughs on a single form, in order of preference. For the duration of the bidding process, the Company will provide electronic visibility into which seniority numbers have bid for an ELOA and/or each duration of EVF. ELOAs and EVFs will be awarded in Occupational Seniority (system seniority) order, without regard to duration.
    - C. If the Company continues to require a reduction in force after awarding all ELOAs and EVFs, and determines that staffing overages cannot be



42 43 44			then t	he Con	rough monthly Staffing Adjustment Leaves in II.D., below, npany will involuntarily furlough Flight Attendants in reverse Seniority order.		
45 46	II.		HANCEMENTS AND CLARIFICATIONS OF EXTENDED LEAVES OF ABSENCE ANI HANCED VOLUNTARY FURLOUGHS				
47 48 49		regard	Following enhancements and clarifications are in addition to the provisions rding extended leaves of absence and voluntary furloughs set forth in on 18.A.				
50		A.	Extend	ded Lea	ves of Absence		
51 52 53 54			1.	Occup for 40	Attendants on an ELOA will retain and accrue both pational and Company Seniority. Longevity ("vesting service" D1(k) vesting and retirement eligibility) will be frozen (i.e. ed but not accrued).		
55 56 57			2.	return	d the Company request Flight Attendants on an ELOA to to service prior to the expiration of the leave, requests will ade in Occupational Seniority order.		
58 59 60			3.	which	ht Attendant on an ELOA will be returned to the domicile to s/he was assigned at the time of the commencement of the unless all of the following are true:		
61				a.	S/he has a standing bid on file;		
62 63				b.	There is a vacancy at the domicile(s) for which s/he has a standing bid; and		
64				C.	S/he has sufficient seniority to be awarded the transfer.		
65 66 67			4.	vacan	ht Attendant on an ELOA may bid for and be awarded a cy bid prior to return to service, under the same terms and ions as an active Flight Attendant.		
68 69 70 71 72			5.	Produon no-	ght Attendant on an ELOA will remain eligible for the ctivity Premium Program (PPP) and will be considered to be -bid status for purposes of achieving PPP pursuant to §21.R.7 uctivity Premium Program (PPP)]. The Flight Attendant will be e for record improvement if otherwise qualified.		
73 74 75 76 77 78			6.	pursua Attend (media applica	th Attendant on an ELOA is required to remain current ant to §18.A.1.f [Involuntary Furlough Mitigations]. The Flight dant will receive group healthcare coverage cal/dental/vision) for her-/himself and dependents (if able) during the month s/he attends training, and the um will be paid in full by the Company, if the Flight Attendant		



79 80				ed for and purchased such coverage (including Company- prior to going out on the ELOA.
81	B.	Enhanced Voluntary Furlough (EVF)		
82 83 84 85 86 87		1.	(medicapplica Compa qualifie	ght Attendant will retain group health care coverage cal/dental/vision) for her-/himself and dependents (if able) while on a EVF. The premium will be paid in full by the any for the duration of the EVF, if the Flight Attendant ed for and purchased group health care coverage (including any-paid) prior to taking the EVF.
88 89 90		2.	Occup	ht Attendants on an EVF will retain and accrue both ational and Company seniority. Longevity will be frozen ed but not accrued).
91 92 93 94 95 96		3.	her/his two ar an EVI [Unifo	nt Attendants on an EVF will receive double credit toward s 480 TFP minimums. S/he will receive an unpaid credit of nd two-thirds (2.667) TFP for each day for which s/he is on for the purposes of the applicable provisions in Sections 13 rms], 14 [Vacations], 23 [Insurance Benefits] and 32 dance Policy].
97 98 99 100		4.	month was as	nt Attendant who is awarded an EVF of nine (9) or fewer s of duration will be recalled to the domicile to which s/he ssigned at the time of the commencement of the EVF, unless he following are true:
101			a.	S/he has a standing bid on file;
102 103			b.	There is a vacancy at the domicile(s) for which s/he has a standing bid; and
104			C.	S/he has sufficient seniority to be awarded the transfer.
105 106 107 108 109 110		5.	be recommond to the	at Attendant awarded an EVF of ten (10) months or more may called to any domicile with a vacancy, subject to seniority. Ver, a Flight Attendant awarded an EVF of ten (10) months or who is recalled at or prior to nine (9) months, will be returned domicile to which s/he was assigned at the time of the encement of the EVF, unless all of the following are true:
111			a.	S/he has a standing bid on file;
112 113			b.	There is a vacancy at the domicile(s) for which s/he has a standing bid; and
114			C.	S/he has sufficient seniority to be awarded the transfer.

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116 117		0.	bid prior to return to service, under the same terms and conditions as an active Flight Attendant.		
118 119 120 121 122		7.	Premiustatus [Produ	nt Attendant on an EVF will remain eligible for the Productivity rum Program (PPP) and will be considered to be on no-bid for purposes of achieving PPP pursuant to §21.R.7 activity Premium Program (PPP)]. The Flight Attendant will be a for record improvement if otherwise qualified.	
123	C.	Recall	Procedures		
124 125		1.		ght Attendant will be recalled to a given domicile until all ile transfers have been awarded (standing bids honored).	
126		2.	Flight	Attendants will be recalled to service in the following order:	
127 128 129 130 131			a.	First, Flight Attendants on involuntary furlough, in Occupational Seniority order. A Flight Attendant recalled from involuntary furlough may elect to bypass recall until there is no Flight Attendant junior to her/him who remains on involuntary furlough.	
132 133 134 135 136 137 138			b.	Second (after no Flight Attendant remains on involuntary furlough), Flight Attendants on an Enhanced Voluntary Furlough in Occupational Seniority order, regardless of the duration of the EVF. A Flight Attendant recalled from an EVF may elect to bypass recall until there is no Flight Attendant junior to her/him who remains on EVF or until the expiration of her/his EVF, whichever occurs first.	
139 140 141 142			C.	Third, after no Flight Attendant remains on any type of furlough, the Company may request Flight Attendants on an Extended Leave of Absence to return to service, in Occupational Seniority order.	
143 144 145 146 147 148 149		3.	later the to the Preference calend month in order	ompany will recall a Flight Attendant to return to service no han the first day of the bid month that is two bid months prior first working bid month. S/he will be provided access to the ential Bidding System (PBS) no later than the first day of the lar month that is one bid month prior to the first working a. For example, a Flight Attendant must be recalled by April 1 er to work in June. The Flight Attendant will have access to be later than May 1, in order to bid for a June schedule.	
151		4.	Respo	nse to Recall	
152 153			a.	Furloughed Flight Attendants must respond to a notice of recall within fifteen (15) days, except as noted below.	



154 155 156 157 158 159 160			D.	Attendant may elect a standing preference for either "recall" or "bypass." The Flight Attendant will be able to update the form at any time. Completion of the form will satisfy the requirement to respond to a recall; however, a Flight Attendant who has specified "recall" must affirmatively respond within fifteen (15) days of a notice of recall with her/his intention to accept reemployment.
162 163 164 165			b.	A Flight Attendant on an EVF will be presumed to have bypassed recall if s/he has no standing preference on file and does not respond to a notice of recall within fifteen (15) days.
166 167 168 169 170 171			C.	Flight Attendants must affirmatively respond to a recall notice if the recall notice indicates that s/he is the most junior Flight Attendant and no longer has the option to bypass recall. Failure to respond within fifteen (15) days will result in the Flight Attendant forfeiting her/his seniority with the Company.
172 173 174			d.	A Flight Attendant on an ELOA is not required to respond to a request to return to service prior to the expiration of her/his leave.
175 176 177 178 179 180 181			e.	If a Flight Attendant on ELOA, EVF or IVF is a full-time student in an accredited college or university, such Flight Attendant may at her/his option be bypassed for recall without forfeiting her/his right to recall. The right to bypass will extend only to the current term, in which the Flight Attendant is enrolled at the time of initial recall and may be utilized only if the bypass would not necessitate additional hiring. Proof of enrollment will be required.
183	D.	Month	ly Staffi	ng Adjustment Leaves (SALs)
184 185 186 187 188 189 190		1.	awarde (i.e. "3 from ( Attend bid mo	company may offer SALs at each domicile. SALs will be ed monthly in domicile seniority order. Only single bid month 10 day") SALs will be offered for the fifteen (15) month period October 2020 through December 2021. However, Flight ants may bid for and be awarded multiple consecutive single onth SALs during this period. A Flight Attendant on a SAL will a required to return to service prior to the expiration of the
192 193		2.	-	gh July 2021, a Flight Attendant on a SAL will receive double per B.3., above, toward her/his 480 TFP minimums.



194 195 196 197 198 199		3.	Through July 2021, a Flight Attendant will retain group health care coverage (medical/dental/vision) for her-/himself and dependents (if applicable) while on a SAL. The premium will be paid in full by the Company for the duration of the SAL, if the Flight Attendant qualified for and purchased group health care coverage (including Company-paid) prior to taking the SAL.
200 201		4.	Flight Attendants on SALs will retain and accrue longevity and both Occupational and Company Seniority.
202 203 204		5.	A Flight Attendant on a SAL may bid for and be awarded a vacancy bid prior to return to service, under the same terms and conditions as an active Flight Attendant.
205 206	E.	Remai	ning Current While on an Involuntary Furlough
207 208 209 210		1.	Subject to FAA regulations, a Flight Attendant on involuntary furlough may, at her/his option, complete any training required to remain current, and the Flight Attendant will be paid for such training.
211 212 213 214 215 216		2.	The involuntarily furloughed Flight Attendant will receive group healthcare coverage (medical/dental/vision) for her-/himself and dependents (if applicable) during the month s/he attends training, and the premium will be paid in full by the Company, if the Flight Attendant qualified for and purchased such coverage (including Company-paid) prior to being involuntarily furloughed.
217 218 219 220 221		3.	The Company will provide positive space online travel to training, per diem and a hotel room for involuntarily furloughed Flight Attendants who are required to attend training out of domicile based on the Flight Attendant's domicile prior to involuntary furlough.
222 223 224 225 226 227 228 229 230 231 232		4.	An involuntarily furloughed Flight Attendant wishing to return to domicile from her/his place of residence in order to attend Recurrent or Requalification Training will be allowed one (1) round-trip positive space bumpable Company Business pass (e.g. C1 on Alaska Airlines) to do so. The Flight Attendant will be responsible for booking her/his travel in Fly. Access to Fly will be temporarily granted strictly for this purpose if the Flight Attendant is outside of her/his pass travel period pursuant to §18.M [Online Pass Privileges]. Such pass will be valid for use no more than one week prior to the first day of training and no more than one week after the last day of training.
233	F.	Unemp	ployment Insurance
234 235		1.	The Company will not contest the unemployment claim of a Flight Attendant on an ELOA, EVF or SAL.



236 237 238 239		2.	or SAL with a letter	provide each Flight Attendant on an ELOA, EVF stating that the Flight Attendant has taken the to mitigate the involuntary furlough of another			
240 241 242	G.	Should any law or regulation be enacted that prohibits Flight Attendature furloughs the parties will meet and confer over any necessary changes this document.					
243 244 245 246	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have signed this LETTER OF AGREEMENT 8 <sup>th</sup> day of July 2020.						
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