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NAPITA Joins New Coalition of Public, Private Sector Leaders to Call for Additional COVID-19 Federal Relief

The COVID Relief NOW Coalition demands Congress finds bipartisan funding for the American travel industry

WASHINGTON, DC, October 22 2020 – Today, The Near Airport Parking Industry Trade Association (NAPITA) announced it has joined [COVID RELIEF NOW](#), a new coalition of nearly 200 major public and private sector groups across the U.S. that is imploring Congress to pass additional COVID-19 federal relief for the travel industry in order to save millions of travel-related jobs and businesses.

According to the coalition, if Congress fails to act, millions of employees will be furloughed or terminated; millions of unemployed Americans will lose their unemployment insurance pandemic benefits; hundreds of thousands of companies will be at risk of closing their doors forever; and the vast majority of state and local governments will have to curtail critical services in order to balance budgets due to a decline in tax revenue.

Like many of the travel-reliant members of COVID RELIEF NOW, the near-airport parking industry has been completely decimated by COVID-19; NAPITA's operators across the country have seen more than a 95% drop in revenues. Some have even seen revenues fall to zero. Additionally, the industry's national operators, who combined employ roughly 5,000, have had to make the incredibly difficult decisions to lay off or furlough 90% of their workforce and close a number of their parking facilities at 61 major airports because they remain unable to access federal relief purposed in providing a lifeline to the businesses hit hardest by the coronavirus pandemic.

Without access to any federal loan or grant programs, the near-airport parking industry in its current form will not survive the pandemic. NAPITA stands in support of COVID RELIEF NOW's call for "No Recess without Relief." The time to act is now as employees, businesses like NAPITA's members, and constituents across the country cannot wait another day for additional federal COVID relief.

NAPITA is not one company looking out for merely its best economic interests—it is an industry representing more than 12,000 employees and millions of near-airport parking customers who depend on ground transportation and world-class airport facilities to work, travel, and live. Each year, the industry sees approximately 12 million parking visits nationwide, which equates to serving nearly 25 million individual travelers. NAPITA's mission is to partner with airports and other stakeholders in the aviation industry to ensure safe, efficient, and equitable access to their airport curb for off-airport

parking operators and to increase the role ground transportation plays in the broader air travel industry and the overall experience for air travelers.

NAPITA will continue to advocate for the airport parking industry and the vital role it plays within the broader air travel ecosystem. You can read the full letter sent to Congress [here](#).

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