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Senator Chuck Schumer
Majority Leader
United States Senate

Senator Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
United States Senate

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House
United States House of Representatives

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader
United States House of Representatives

Senator Ron Wyden
Chairman, Committee on Finance
United States Senate

Senator Mike Crapo
Ranking Member, Committee on Finance
United States Senate

The Honorable Richard Neal
Chairman, Committee on Ways & Means
United States House of Representatives

The Honorable Kevin Brady
Ranking Member, Committee on Ways & Means
United States House of Representatives

Dear Majority Leader Schumer, Minority Leader McConnell, Speaker Pelosi, Minority Leader McCarthy, Chairman Wyden, Ranking Member Crapo, Chairman Neal, and Ranking Member Brady:

I write to you on behalf of United Airlines and its nearly 77,000 employees across the United States to urge you and your colleagues to take prompt action to confront today's energy and climate crisis by enacting a new tax incentive for low-carbon sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) as well as other incentives for clean technology.

We all have a responsibility to address global climate change. At United, we take our responsibility seriously and have pledged to become 100% green by eliminating our greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 without relying on the use of traditional carbon offsets. To reach these goals, United is investing in more sustainable fuel than any other airline globally and taking other tangible steps to permanently reduce our emissions from flying. But neither United nor the broader industry can do this on its own. Successful development of decarbonization technologies – such as sustainable aviation fuel and carbon removal – urgently requires support from policymakers.

For this reason, we ask that you enact a robust blender's tax credit for SAF as part of the full package of clean energy incentives being considered in Congress, which also includes the tax credit for carbon capture, the hydrogen tax credit, and credits for wind and solar.

With respect to aviation, the most important action we can take in the near term is to enact a robust blender's tax credit specifically aimed at incentivizing the production and use of low-carbon SAF. Scaling SAF quickly is critical to reducing aviation's climate impact. However, the high costs of SAFs compared with fossil fuel is a major barrier to their production and use. The blender's tax credit for SAF, as introduced in the Sustainable Skies Act (H.R. 3440/S. 2263), aims to address this issue, while upholding rigorous environmental standards and ensuring that those fuels that achieve the greatest reduction in emissions are eligible for the greatest tax incentive.

Finally, as an alternative energy source from fossil-derived fuels, SAF can help to insulate airlines and our customers against volatile oil markets. Support for the commercialization of SAF today will both enhance US energy security and reduce our emissions.

Neither the current energy crisis nor the climate crisis will be solved swiftly or easily, but it is essential that we start immediately to ensure that our energy sources are cleaner, more sustainable, and more secure. As you debate these critical issues, please know that I stand ready to work with you and your colleagues in support of our nation, our economy, and our environment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Kirby", with a stylized, cursive script.

Scott Kirby