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Mr. Nick Daniels
Presidente
National Air Traffic Controllers Association (NATCA)
Washington D.C.

Dear President and Colleagues,

On the occasion of the International Day of the Air Traffic Controller, the Colegio de Controladores de Tránsito Aéreo de Chile wishes to extend its deepest solidarity and unwavering support to all members of NATCA and to every air traffic controller across the United States.

We are aware of the significant challenges and uncertainties that you currently face, which deeply trouble and concern us as fellow professionals. The pressure of carrying out your essential safety duties, especially in the midst of ongoing and unfair circumstances such as the federal government shutdown, is a burden no controller should have to bear. To work without pay or under the threat of instability goes against the respect, dignity, and responsibility inherent to our profession.

Nonetheless, we admire the remarkable strength, professionalism, and resilience that NATCA controllers continue to demonstrate in ensuring the safety of millions. Even though borders and distance may separate us, we are united by a common purpose, shared values, and a bond of fraternity that transcends geography. Among all air traffic controllers worldwide, we speak the same language of vigilance, service, and dedication to public safety.

Please know that your struggle is not invisible; your determination and courage are deeply respected and are being echoed throughout the international air traffic control community. We firmly believe that the essential role of air traffic controllers should never be used as a political bargaining tool. We add our voice in calling for the urgent restoration of stability, security, and respect for all aviation safety professionals in the United States.

On this day, as we honor our profession, we reaffirm the unwavering support of Chilean air traffic controllers for our NATCA colleagues. We salute your dedication and stand with you in solidarity.

Fraternally yours,

Jorge Caro Gálvez
President