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## Executive Director Buzz – April Quarterly newsletter

I never expected that my first Executive Director Newsletter Buzz article would be during such a somber time in our Nation's history. Yet here we are.

I first want to thank my team at IFTA, Inc. As you can imagine, we have been busier than usual answering the many e-mails and phone calls we receive with questions related to the COVID-19 pandemic and the effects on IFTA credentialing and tax return processing. They have been truly amazing handling the additional work while still maintaining our normal operations.

This Newsletter provides me the opportunity to remind everyone that we continue to post official notices we receive from jurisdictions related to waivers and extension of IFTA credentialing and IFTA tax return processing. For those member jurisdictions reading this, please remember to send us any official declarations created by your jurisdiction so we can post this information on our website and provide notice to all our stakeholders. This is especially important for providing notice to law enforcement agencies in both the US and Canada, so they are made aware of the waivers and not ticket carriers crossing jurisdiction borders for missing or expired IFTA credentials. We continue to add new notices as we receive them and have also provided a link to the IRP website "Emergency Waiver" notices. To date, we have not received many notices from jurisdictions regarding declarations for extensions of filing tax returns. If your jurisdiction has issued such a notice, please send it to us so we can post this on our website.

Also posted on our website are two very important messages from IFTA, Inc. and the Board of Trustees. One important notice involves the change in the Clearinghouse Netting Calendar which incorporates new due dates for the next couple of months with respect to transmitting data and remitting funds to IFTA, Inc. These new due dates should provide some needed relief to jurisdiction agencies that are not operating in a normal capacity.

The COVID-19 crisis continues to evolve each day and may continue to impact our IFTA community in ways in which we have not even thought of. One thing is clear, we need to work together as a cohesive team, both government and industry, in making sure that we support the continued flow of goods by carriers during this unprecedented time in our history.

Many scheduled conferences and meetings have been affected by the COVID-19 declarations to stay at home and not congregate in large crowds. Out of an abundance of caution, since no one knows when the current situation will change, conferences such as the IRP Annual Business Meeting and the FTA Northeast Motor Fuel conference have been canceled. Other than the IFTA, Inc. April Board meeting which we will still conduct in a virtual environment, the next major event for IFTA, Inc. is our Annual Business Meeting scheduled for August. At this time, we fully expect that this meeting will be held as scheduled.

We realize that many jurisdiction agencies and industry operations were not set up to work remotely and this has caused many disruptions. We here at IFTA, Inc. have been working remotely for years so we are experienced and able to continue our normal operations without disruption. Please know that we are here for you and can answer any questions or respond to any concerns you may have. It is business as usual at IFTA, Inc.

I also realize this has been a challenging time on a personal level. Confined to your home, the never-ending search for toilet paper, home schooling kids while still trying to work remotely, and wondering why despite being confined to home, that list of home improvements still has not budged. Yes, the same applies for me (with the exception of home schooling, my son is much older and lives on his own). Since I live in upstate NY (at least right now), it is even worse with respect to restaurants being closed, gyms closed, bare shelves at the supermarket and basically a shelter in place order. Worse, now the governor of the state of Florida issued an order that anyone coming from NY must self-quarantine for 14 days. So there goes my plan B escape idea.

On behalf of all of us here at IFTA, Inc., we sincerely hope that all of you in our IFTA community stay safe, healthy and that we will all be back to a normal life very soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carmen Martorana". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Carmen Martorana, CPA, MST  
Executive Director