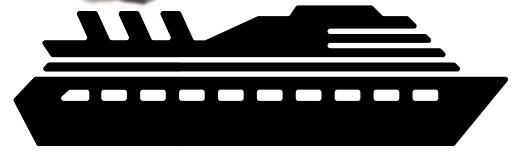


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AN OPEN LETTER TO CRUISE GIANTS

Mr. Arnold Donald, President/CEO
Carnival Corporation & PLC

Mr. Richard D. Fain, Chairman & CEO
Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd.

Mr. Frank J. Del Rio, President/CEO
Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings Ltd.

Dear Mr. Arnold Donald, Mr. Richard D. Fain, and Mr. Frank J. Del Rio:

As the CEOs of cruise industry giants Carnival Corporation & PLC, Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd., and Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings Ltd., your companies collectively account for over 70% of the global cruise market share and generated over \$6 billion U.S. dollars in profits last year. At the start of 2020, it seemed to be fair seas and smooth sailings for your companies, as bookings and profits were expected to continue to increase.

Yet, the new coronavirus had other plans. The world looked on in horror as your ships were refused port entries, passengers were quarantined in their rooms for weeks while the virus spread like wildfire, and dozens of people ultimately lost their lives to the COVID-19 virus they contracted on board your vessels. You inexplicably chose to continue sailing – putting the health of your passengers, your crew members, and the world at significant risk.

As of mid-May, over 100,000 of your crew members were stuck on board your ships, many of them for weeks and months. It's not clear how many currently remain. Some have reached such a deep level of hopelessness and despair that they have taken their own lives. Others have attempted to, but thankfully were rescued before they were able.

The solution is simple: your companies must arrange and pay for the immediate repatriation of your staff in a way that does not further endanger public health. This may be expensive. But the costs are astronomically higher because you choose to hire much of your staff from far-away, developing nations and pay them shockingly low wages, in order to maximize profits. The consequences of that practice have come full circle, and it is time to step up and get them home before more lives are lost.

Those of us who have watched the cruise industry closely for years were sadly not surprised when Carnival, Norwegian, and Royal Caribbean failed to respond proactively to the pandemic by ceasing to sail, even after the Diamond Princess made clear that your vessels posed a significant risk to public health and passenger safety.

The failure of your companies to respond immediately and appropriately to the scale of the unfolding pandemic had another unforeseen consequence. It dragged your industry into the harsh light of public scrutiny, and many are shocked by the ugly truths they're seeing for the first time.

You choose to incorporate your companies in foreign countries and register your vessels overseas, in order to avoid paying taxes on almost all of your profits, as well as to side-step U.S. environmental and labor laws.

Sincerely,

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Oil dumping and lying to regulators:

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RCL - <https://www.justice.gov/enrd/us-v-royal-caribbean-cruises-ltd>
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