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The Alliance For Aviation Across America Coordinates With Mayors To Send Letter To FAA Administrator

On Thursday, May 2nd, 70 Mayors from across the country submitted a letter to Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Administrator Michael Huerta outlining the negative effects to their respective communities should the contract tower program be shuttered. The letter was coordinated by the Alliance for Aviation Across America and emphasized the significant impacts these tower closures would have on their local economies and communities, and that tower closures would deter business development and competition.

“At a time when we as a nation should be focused on creating and supporting jobs, these closures will only serve to hamper business growth, while also potentially leaving even more hundreds upon thousands of workers unemployed,” the letter states. The Mayors also discuss aviation’s economic contributions to their communities, and that airports serve as a lifeline for the communities and their residents.

To read the Mayors’ letter to Administrator Huerta, and to view a press release from the Alliance, [click here](#).

Currently, 149 contract towers are scheduled to close on June 15th. The U.S. Department of Transportation has not publicly announced its intention to use the authority recently provided to the Department by Congress to allow the transfer of existing funds to keep the towers operating through the end of this fiscal year, which is September 30th. NATA will keep you posted on any developments.