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Dear NATA Member:

As we begin the year, our industry continues to be challenged by one of the most difficult economic times in recent memory. Compounding these dire economic circumstances, Capitol Hill still frowns upon our industry as one that is full of greed and frivolity, and does not recognize our importance to the American economy and the critical jobs we provide. Now more than ever we must contribute to NATA's Political Action Committee (NATAPAC) to help strengthen the association's message by supporting Members of Congress who look out for the interests of aviation businesses.

In 2008, NATA continued to represent its members well on Capitol Hill, achieving key legislative victories in several areas such as supporting the U.S. Senate compromise on an increase in fuel taxes instead of implementation of a user fee. While the legislation failed to pass the Senate, NATA members and staff certainly made their voices heard on the importance of completing the legislation.

Although 2008 was an election year and a minimal amount of work was done by Congress, NATA continued to work on the legislative priorities outlined for the year. In addition, NATA President James K. Coyne testified before the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure in May on Aviation and the Environment.

Our legislative success is largely due to the strong support of NATA's Political Action Committee, and your involvement and contribution is essential in 2009. NATAPAC will support the congressional campaigns of Members of Congress who support aviation businesses, *regardless of party affiliation!* With political fundraising and campaign activity at an all time high, we cannot afford to allow other interest groups to define the issues that will impact our members.

Please take this opportunity to fill out the attached form, which will authorize you as a member of NATAPAC. Because NATA is a not-for-profit 501(c)(6) organization, we must obtain written approval from NATA's corporate members before soliciting contributions for NATAPAC. Completing and returning the form in no way requires you to make a contribution. Also find enclosed our brochure that explains the importance of our PAC. Feel free to contact Kristen Moore at kmoore@nata.aero or by calling (703) 845-9000 if you have questions or need additional information.

Thank you again for your continued support of NATA and NATAPAC, and the best of luck in 2009!

Sincerely,

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NATAPAC Chair

Enclosures