



AVIATION BUSINESS ADVOCATES

April 29, 2025

The Honorable Sam Graves
Chairman
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rick Larsen
Ranking Member
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Graves and Ranking Member Larsen,

On behalf of the membership of the National Air Transportation Association (NATA), I write to express strong support for the proposal to fund critical modernization of our nation's air traffic control (ATC) system, which is scheduled to be considered by the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee on April 30, 2025.

NATA appreciates the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee's continued prioritization of the safety of the National Airspace System (NAS) and the flying public. Under your leadership, the Committee has demonstrated a bipartisan commitment to sound aviation policies that strengthen the U.S. civil aviation industry and benefit all users of the NAS. The proposed \$15 billion investment in our ATC systems, infrastructure, and staffing continues that legacy and builds on the many achievements of the landmark FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024.

NATA's 3,700 member companies operate at nearly 4,500 airports in thousands of communities across the nation, providing air transportation services, driving economic growth, and supporting critical disaster relief, law enforcement, and medical services. Every day, our members experience firsthand the negative impacts of aging ATC infrastructure, insufficient technology at general aviation airports, and inadequate controller staffing in busy airspaces. We believe the proposal will positively affect these areas, while providing necessary Congressional oversight to ensure funds are used in a strategic, timely, and transparent manner.

We appreciate the Committee's consideration and pledge to work with you and other Congressional leaders to support final passage of this timely investment in ATC safety, efficiency, and modernization. Together, we can ensure the United States continues to maintain the safest airspace in the world.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Curt Castagna", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Curt Castagna
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