



Friend,

I believe that our aviation system is critical to the national security and economic growth of our country. In support of the industry, I am proud to have supported reauthorization of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) this Congress.

This legislation removes red tape so American businesses, especially manufacturers, can compete in the increasingly global aviation economy. It also provides stable funding for the building, maintaining, and improving of our Nation's airports, including Reagan National, Dulles, and Richmond International.

Here are some of the other highlights:

Modernizes America's Infrastructure:

- Provides stable funding for the Airport Improvement Program, which issues grants to airports for planning and development purposes.
- Removes unnecessary restrictions on the Passenger Facility Charge, allowing airports to more effectively finance projects that improve airport infrastructure and benefit the traveling public.
- Provides grant funding to 250 of the smallest General Aviation airports.
- Reauthorizes the critically important Federal Contract Tower Program and provides reforms to enable new towers to enter the program.
- Creates a remote air traffic control tower pilot program, deploying new advanced technologies that promote cost savings of air traffic control services.

Improves America's Competitiveness

- Prohibits involuntary bumping of passengers who have already boarded and requires clarification of regulations regarding compensation for bumped passengers.
- Streamlines the FAA certification process to ensure U.S. companies can compete globally and get their products to market on time.

- Improves FAA workforce training and development for FAA inspectors and engineers.
- Provides greater flexibility to the FAA to approve advanced UAS operations.
- Includes new provisions to address privacy protections for unmanned aircraft.
- Creates a “Safety Oversight and Certification Advisory Committee” which will closely collaborate with the industry to streamline the FAA’s certification and regulatory processes.

As Congress and the administration work to improve our nation’s infrastructure, know that I remain committed to finding solutions for citizens of the First District.

It's an honor to serve you and Virginia's First District in the People's House.

Sincerely,

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