



GAMA Hill Day Speakers 2024

Bicameral leadership of the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation and House Transportation and Infrastructure Committees have reached agreement on a long-term FAA Reauthorization bill. This legislation is of critical importance to GAMA's priorities and the aviation system.

We are fortunate that key leaders of these committees have agreed to speak to GAMA Hill Day participants on the morning of May 8, 2024. We anticipate the structure will include brief formal remarks, followed by questions from GAMA's Board of Directors.

The agenda and corresponding materials, including a biography and specific areas of topics and areas of interest, are provided. The format for the morning session is as follows:

1. Senator Jerry Moran (R-Kansas)
2. Representative Sam Graves (R-Missouri)
3. Representative Rick Larsen (D-Washington)

GAMA Hill Day will commence at the General Dynamics offices which are located at 101 Constitution Avenue NW Suite 600 East at 8:00 am. For those staying at the Park Hyatt, transportation will be provided to 101 Constitution with buses departing promptly at 7:45 am. Participants will be seated with their GAMA Hill Day teams during the morning session to facilitate discussion for engagement with other Members of Congress after the morning speakers.

Sen. Jerry Moran (R-KS)

Ranking Member, Senate Aviation Subcommittee

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Kansans first elected Jerry Moran to the United States Senate in 2010.

Senator Moran is a member of the Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee and is a strong advocate for the aviation industry. In the current Congress, he serves as the lead Republican on the committee's Aviation Safety, Operations & Innovation Subcommittee.

As a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, Senator Moran is the lead Republican on the Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies. He also serves on the Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies.

Senator Moran also works to improve the quality of life for the nearly 200,000 veterans living in Kansas and across the nation as the lead Republican on the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee.

Senator Moran serves as a member of several caucuses. He co-founded the Senate Community Pharmacy Caucus, the Senate Economic Mobility Caucus and the Senate Hunger Caucus. He also serves as co-chair of the Congressional Task Force on Down Syndrome, the Senate NIH Caucus, the Senate Aerospace Caucus and the Senate Defense Community Caucus.

Prior to his election to the Senate in November 2010, Moran served Kansans in the "Big First" Congressional district for seven terms in the U.S. House of Representatives, as well as eight years in the Kansas State Senate – spending the last two years as Majority Leader.

Before his election to public office, Senator Moran attended Fort Hays State University and later the University of Kansas, where he completed a degree in economics. After an early career as a small-town banker, he received his J.D. from the University of Kansas. Jerry and his wife Robba continue to live in Kansas. They have two daughters, Kelsey and Alex, and four grandchildren.

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Senator Moran is well-versed in Aviation policy given his purview on both the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee, as well as the Senate Appropriations Committee. He has been particularly active on issues impacting manufacturing, including the Aircraft Certification, Safety, and Accountability Act, Aviation Manufacturing Jobs Protection program, and recent focus on aviation safety. Senator Moran was also a lead sponsor of the Advanced Air Mobility Leadership and Coordination Act and has been a key advocate for FAA funding that impacts manufacturing and safety. He is also a strong proponent of programs that benefit aviation access in rural areas and was a key opponent of air traffic control privatization efforts.



Rep. Sam Graves (R-MO-6)

Chairman, House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee

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Congressman Sam Graves is a lifelong resident of Missouri's Sixth Congressional District. As a small businessman and a sixth-generation family farmer, Sam has spent his life working to make Missouri a better place to live, work, and raise a family.



In Congress, Sam serves as the Chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. As Chairman, Sam leads the Committee as it has jurisdiction over all modes of transportation – our aviation system, highways and bridges, transit and rail transportation, pipelines, and maritime and waterborne transportation. Sam's role in transportation is critical as he works on behalf of Missouri's 34,000 highway miles and 10,400 bridges in need of maintenance and repair as well as the 6th Congressional District's two major rivers – the Missouri and the Mississippi.

Congressman Graves was born in Tarkio, Missouri on November 7, 1963. He graduated from Tarkio High School in 1982 and attended college at the University of Missouri-Columbia, where he received his degree in Agronomy from the School of Agriculture.

In 1992, Sam won his first race for State Representative. In 1994, he was elected State Senator for the 12th Senatorial District and was subsequently re-elected in 1998.

Sam's leadership has been recognized by organizations like the Missouri Chamber of Commerce, the Missouri Farm Bureau, the Missouri Hospital Association and the National Federation of Independent Businesses. As a father, grandfather, farmer, businessman, and former State legislator, Sam knows the values, hopes, and beliefs of the hard-working people of the Sixth District, and continues to work tirelessly for Missouri families in the United States House of Representatives.

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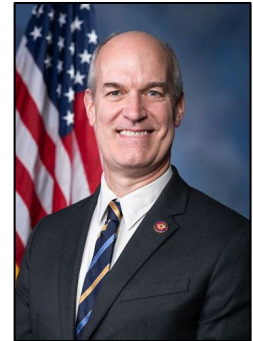
Chairman Sam Graves has been active in aviation policy throughout his tenure in Congress. As an active pilot, he has been involved in a number of pilot-related policy issues including the Pilots Bill of Rights and Third-Class Medical Reform. In his capacity as Chairman, he has advocated for a general aviation title in the FAA Reauthorization which has not existed previously. Graves has also been central to certification-related matters, including the Aircraft Certification, Safety, and Accountability Act and FAA leadership and international engagement. Chairman Sam Graves also hosts a bi-annual airshow, the "Wingnuts Flying Circus" at his home airport in Tarkio, Missouri.

Rep. Rick Larsen (D-WA-2)

Ranking Member, House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee

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Rick is the top Democrat on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and a senior member of the Armed Services Committee. As the top Democrat on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, Rick is committed to investing in transportation to create well-paying jobs, drive long-term economic growth and build a cleaner and greener transportation network.



The Pacific Northwest is the aerospace capital of the world, and the Aviation Subcommittee's work is critical to jobs and the economy in Washington and the Second District. Rick is committed to ensuring aviation safety, fostering innovation in the U.S. airspace, improving U.S. competitiveness in the global market and enhancing the air travel experience for passengers.

Rick is committed to protecting natural resources for recreation and tourism, major economic drivers. He has led efforts to preserve public lands, restore critical salmon habitat, protect Southern Resident Killer Whales and combat climate change through investments in clean energy.

Rick is the co-chair of the bipartisan U.S.-China Working Group, which educates Members of Congress about U.S.-China issues through meetings and briefings with academic, business and political leaders from the U.S. and China. Rick has visited China eleven times and is the author of a white paper on developing a comprehensive China strategy and promoting U.S. global competitiveness.

Rick also co-founded the Congressional Arctic Working Group, a bipartisan working group to bring focus to U.S. policy issues related to the Arctic. Rick is also a member of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly (NATO PA), an organization made up of delegates from all 30 NATO member countries with a mission to engage parliamentarians in transatlantic security issues.

The Larsen family has been building a legacy in the Second Congressional District for more than a century. Rick was born in Arlington, Washington. Rick and his wife, Tiia, live in Everett and are the proud parents of two sons, Robert and Per.

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Ranking Member Larsen has been central to aviation policy throughout his tenure on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. In his current capacity, he is focused on new entrants (including Advanced Air Mobility) and sustainability priorities and has advocated for these policies in FAA Reauthorization. Previously, Larsen has been instrumental in workforce-related policy including the Aviation Manufacturing Jobs Program. He was also integral to the development and enactment of the Aircraft Certification, Safety and Accountability Act.