



## Aviation Coalition Underscores Commitment to Safety

Our country is mourning after the unthinkable loss of the passengers and crews of Flight 5342, PAT 25 and Med Jets Flight 056.

The entire aviation community is united in our grief and our commitment to taking action to ensure accidents like these never happen again.

We never take safety for granted, and we never will.

Aviation remains the safest mode of transportation in the world. Nearly 50,000 flights take off and land safely each day in the U.S., and our National Airspace System remains the gold standard of safety.

“We have the safest skies in the whole world,” Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy has said. “Traveling by air is the safest mode of transportation.”

National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) Chair Jennifer Homendy echoed that saying, “I assure you that the safest mode of transportation is air travel. It is incredibly safe.”

We are confident that the NTSB, working with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Department of Transportation (DOT), Department of Defense (DOD) and other parties, will identify root causes and issue recommendations for the aviation industry and the U.S. military to prevent future accidents.

The work of Chair Homendy, NTSB Board Member Todd Inman, other NTSB Members and the NTSB staff is critical for responding to these accidents and making our system even safer. As Member Inman recited days ago, “Through tragedy, we draw knowledge to improve the safety for us all.”

We strongly support this important work and urge policymakers to ensure that the NTSB and the FAA have the staffing and resources needed to ensure that the U.S. aviation system is safe and efficient and can continue to innovate.

We will find out what caused the terrible tragedies last week. We will learn from them. We will undoubtedly make changes. And by making an incredibly safe system even safer, we will honor the passengers, crew members and U.S. servicemembers who have been lost.

# # #

Aeronautical Repair Station Association

Air Line Pilots Association, International

Air Traffic Control Association

Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association

Airlines for America

Airports Council International – North America

Association of Flight Attendants-CWA

American Association of Airport Executives

Association of Uncrewed Vehicle Systems International

Aviation Technical Education Council

Cargo Airline Association

Coalition of Airline Pilots Associations

Experimental Aircraft Association Inc.

General Aviation Manufacturers Association

Global Business Travel Association

International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers

International Council of Air Shows

National Agricultural Aviation Association

National Air Carrier Association

National Air Traffic Controllers Association

National Air Transportation Association

National Association of State Aviation Officials

National Business Aviation Association

Professional Aviation Safety Specialists, AFL-CIO

Recreational Aviation Foundation

Regional Airline Association

Travelers United

U.S. Travel Association

Vertical Aviation International

Vertical Flight Society