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General Aviation is an important American industry that generates over \$219 billion in total economic output, supports 1.1 million jobs, and includes a network of thousands of airports and heliports that connect many rural communities to the rest of the world.

After a thorough and detailed review of Chairman Bill Shuster's (R-PA) proposal, HR 2997, the AIRR Act of 2017, which would remove our nation's air traffic control operations from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), we have concluded that these reforms will produce uncertainty and unintended consequences without achieving the desired outcomes.

While we enjoy the safest most efficient air traffic control system in the world, we also believe that reforms, short of privatization, can better address the FAA's need to improve its ability to modernize our system.

We have concluded that any structural and governance reforms that require protections for an important sector of users is fundamentally flawed.

In addition, the billions of dollars and time that would be spent transitioning our nation's air traffic control system to a not-for-profit entity can be better applied to the continuing progress to update and modernize our air traffic control system – including meeting the FAA's mandate to equip the general aviation fleet with see-and-avoid (ADSB) technology by 2020.

Moreover, with strong bipartisan opposition in both the House and Senate to remove air traffic control operations from the FAA, we believe efforts should focus on developing a long-term FAA Reauthorization that creates the stability and funding necessary and that can reach the President's desk for signature.

We are committed to addressing needed reforms that create predictable and stable funding for the FAA including biennial budgeting, consolidating unneeded and outdated facilities, procurement, and certification reforms, and putting to use some of the balance from the Airways and Airport Trust Fund to expedite technology deployment. We are ready and willing to work with all industry stakeholders and Congress to advance the consensus needed to improve our current system and to ensure that our nation's air traffic control system remains the envy of the world.





















**ABS Air Safety Foundation** 

Addison (TX) Business Aviation Association

Air Care Alliance

Aircraft Electronics Association

Aircraft Kit Industry Association

Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association

Alabama Business Aviation Association

Alaska Airmen Association

American Helicopter Society International

**Antique Airplane Association** 

Arizona Business Aviation Association

Arizona Pilots Association

Association of Air Medical Services

Association of California Airports

Aviation Council of Pennsylvania

**Association of Critical Care Transport** 

**Balloon Federation of America** 

California Agricultural Aircraft Association

California Pilots Association

Cardinal Flyers Online

Carolina Aviation Professionals Association

Centennial Airport (CO) Business Pilot's Alliance

Cessna Flyer Association

Cessna Pilots Association

**Cessna Pilots Society** 

Chicago Area (IL) Business Aviation Association

Citation Jet Pilot Association

**Clark County Aviation Association** 

Classic Jet Aircraft Association

Colorado Aviation Business Association

Colorado Pilots Association

Commemorative Air Force

**Connecticut Business Aviation Group** 

Corporate Aircraft Association

**Deer Valley Pilots Association** 

East Central Ohio Pilots Association

Eastern Region Helicopter Council

**Emergency Volunteer Air Corps** 

**Experimental Aircraft Association** 

Flight School Association of North America

Florida Aero Club

Florida Aviation Business Association

Flying Dentists Association

**FNL Pilots Association** 

Friends of Meacham International Airport (TX) Association































General Aviation Council of Hawaii

General Aviation Manufacturers Association

**Georgia Airports Association** 

Georgia Business Aviation Association

Glasair Aircraft Owners Association

Greater Houston (TX) Business Aviation Alliance

Greater St Louis (MO) Business Aviation Association

Greater Waco (TX) Aviation Alliance

Greater Washington Business Aviation Association (DC/VA/MD)

Helicopter Association International

Houston (TX) Regional Aviation Professionals

Idaho Aviation Association

Idaho Business Aviation Association

Illinois Pilots Association

Indiana Business Aviation Association

Indianapolis Aero Club

International Aerobatic Club

International Cessna 170 Association

International Council of Air Shows

International 180/185 Club

Iowa Public Airports Association

Kansas City (MO) Business Aviation Association

**Kansas Pilots** 

**Kentucky Aviation Association** 

Kentucky Business Aviation Association

Lancair Owners and Builders Organization

Lawyer Pilots Bar Association

Light Aircraft Manufacturers Association

Long Beach (CA) Airport Association

Long Island (NY) Business Aviation Association

Los Angeles Area Helicopter Operators Association

Love Field (TX) Pilots Association

Maine Aeronautics Association

Malibu/Mirage Owners & Pilots Association

Massachusetts Airport Management Association

Massachusetts Business Aviation Association

Michigan Business Aviation Association

Minnesota Aviation Trades Association

Minnesota Business Aviation Association

Minnesota Council of Airports

Minnesota Pilots Association

Minnesota Seaplane Association

Montana Pilots Association

**Mooney Summit** 

Morristown (NJ) Aviation Association

































MU2 Aircraft Owners & Pilots Association

National Air Transportation Association

National Association of State Aviation Officials

**National Business Aviation Association** 

Nebraska Association of Airport Officials

**Nebraska Business Aviation Association** 

**Nevada Business Aviation Association** 

New England Helicopter Council

New Mexico Airport Managers Association

**New Mexico Pilots Association** 

North Dakota Aviation Council

North Dakota Business Aviation Association

North Texas Business Aviation Association

Northern California Business Aviation Association

Ohio Regional Business Aviation Association

Oklahoma Business Aviation Association

**Oregon Pilots Association** 

Pacific Northwest Business Aviation Association

Partnership for Corporate Aviation Training (TX)

Piper Flyer Association

San Carlos Airports Association

Southern California Aviation Association

Southern Colorado Business Aviation Group

South Florida Business Aviation Association

Tampa Bay (FL) Aviation Association

**Recreational Aviation Foundation** 

San Antonio (TX) Area Business Aviation Alliance

**Seaplane Pilots Association** 

Soaring Society of America

Sonix Builders & Pilots Foundation

South Carolina Aviation Association

South Dakota Pilots Association

**Taylorcraft Owners Club** 

**Tennessee Aviation Association** 

Tennessee Business Aviation Association

Teterboro (NJ) Users Group

**Texans for General Aviation** 

Texas Corporate Aviation Schedulers and Dispatchers Group

The Twin Cessna Flyer

United States Hang Gliding & Paragliding Association

**United States Parachute Association** 

**United States Paragliding Association** 

**Utah Business Aviation Association** 

Van Nuys (CA) Airport Association

Velocity Owners and Builders Association





















Vintage Aircraft Association

Virginia Aviation Business Association

Warbirds of America

Washington Airport Management Association

**Washington Pilots Association** 

Washington Seaplane Pilots Association

Washington State Aviation Alliance

Washington State Community Airports Association

Westchester (NY) Aviation Association

West Virginia Airport Managers Association

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