



GAMA Hill Day Speakers 2025

We are fortunate that key leaders of committees with jurisdiction over issues of critical importance to GAMA's Membership will join Hill Day participants on the morning of May 7, 2025. This includes policymakers who are central to trade and tax policy, aviation safety, air traffic modernization, and implementation of the 2024 FAA Reauthorization law.

We anticipate the structure will include brief formal remarks followed by the opportunity for 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 Rick Larsen (D-Washington)
3. Representative Ron Estes (R-Kansas)
4. Representative Sam Graves (R-Missouri)

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 Fairmont Hotel, transportation will be provided to 101 Constitution with buses departing promptly at 7:40 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)

Chairman, Senate Aviation Subcommittee

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Kansans first elected Jerry Moran to the United States Senate in 2010. Senator Moran has a long history of opposing reckless spending in Washington, and as a member of the Senate Committee on Appropriations has pushed for spending cuts, tougher funding standards and broad reform. Senator Moran serves as Chairman on the Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, which allows him to lead the funding decisions that impact men and women working at agencies like the Department of Justice, the FBI, NASA, the United States Trade Representative and the Department of Commerce, to name a few. He also serves on the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Subcommittee.



As a member of the Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee, Senator Moran advocates on behalf of Kansans regarding a number of issues vital to the state's economy. As the Chairman of the Commerce Subcommittee on Aviation, Space and Innovation, Sen. Moran oversees investigations, legislation and hearings that contribute to the growth and safety improvement of the aviation industry.

Agriculture is a leading industry in Kansas, and Senator Moran understands the importance of providing resources for farmers and ranchers across the state and country. As a member of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, he is working to pass a modernized, long-term Farm Bill.

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. Jerry and his wife Robba continue to live in Kansas. They have two daughters, Kelsey and Alex, and four grandchildren.

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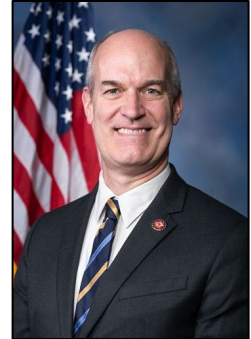
Senator Moran is well-versed in Aviation policy given his purview on both the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee, as well as the Senate Appropriations Committee. He was particularly active on issues impacting manufacturing in the recent FAA Reauthorization, the Aircraft Certification, Safety, and Accountability Act, Aviation Manufacturing Jobs Protection program. He has also facilitated recent hearings focused on aviation safety. Senator Moran remains 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 an ardent opponent of air traffic control privatization efforts and recently joined with Chairman Cruz to solicit input on air traffic modernization.

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.

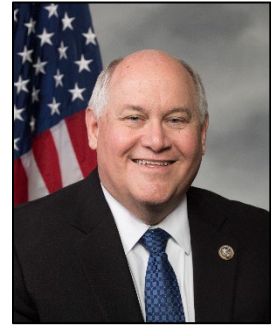
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Ranking Member Larsen has been central to aviation policy throughout his tenure on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. In the most recent FAA Reauthorization, he championed provisions focused on new entrants (including Advanced Air Mobility) and sustainability priorities. 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.

Rep. Ron Estes (R-KS-4th)

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Ron Estes is a 5th generation Kansan and serves Kansas' 4th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives. Since being sworn into office in 2017, Congressman Estes has been a leader on passing landmark tax reform, rolling back burdensome regulations, and implementing trade agreements with some of Kansas' biggest trading partners. In Congress, Rep. Estes has defended Wichita's aviation industry, helped pass a five-year Farm bill to support Kansas agriculture, protected the 4th District's water supply and quality of life, and led efforts to secure new pro-life guidelines for the Title X Family Planning Program.



The son of a veteran, Rep. Estes has also prioritized supporting our military and military families, while helping veterans and constituents navigate government agencies like the VA, Social Security Administration, the IRS and others.

Prior to becoming an elected official, Rep. Estes grew up on his family farm in Kansas and went on to earn a degree in civil engineering and a graduate degree in business administration. Rep. Estes began his career in consulting and management roles for industries including aerospace, energy, and manufacturing. An engineer by trade, he successfully implemented a variety of systems that streamlined operations, increased efficiency and improved customer relations – all while cutting cost. That experience in the private sector has helped position Rep. Estes as a committed advocate for Kansas taxpayers in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Following his private sector career, Rep. Estes served his fellow Kansans as Sedgwick County (Kansas) Treasurer and then Kansas State Treasurer. As the only former state treasurer serving on the Committee on Ways and Means, Rep. Estes remains a champion of lower taxes, free and fair trade, affordable health care, and retirement security. He also serves on the Budget Committee and Joint Economic Committee and is chair of the Social Security Subcommittee and co-chair of the House Aerospace Caucus.

Ron and his wife, Susan, have three children and reside in Wichita.

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Rep. Estes has been a key advocate for programs focused on aviation manufacturing and the workforce and the aviation supply chain. Most recently, he has been focused on aviation safety given Wichita was the origin of the American Airlines flight in the DCA tragedy. In the past, he has also been a strong opponent of efforts to privatize portions of FAA purview, including air traffic. From a tax perspective, he is a strong proponent of efforts to reinstate immediate depreciation and immediate expensing for certain R&D expenditures.

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 advocated for the general aviation title in the FAA Reauthorization. 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.