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The Honorable Sam Graves
Chairman
House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
2165 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rick Larsen
Ranking Member
House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
2164 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

April 29, 2025

Dear Chairman Graves and Ranking Member Larsen:

On behalf of the member companies of the General Aviation Manufacturers Association (GAMA), I am writing in strong and ardent support for the proposal being considered this week by the U.S. House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee to make critical air traffic workforce, technology, and infrastructure investments. The committee-proposed section 100008 provides \$15 billion as a critical and essential downpayment to ensure that America has a safe, resilient, and modern National Airspace System (NAS) now and in the future. This initiative builds on the strong foundation of the Committee's work and leadership on the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024 (Public Law 118-63).

Recent tragedies have highlighted to the American people the importance of a strong air traffic control system and government and industry must come together to deliver on that expectation. I am proud that GAMA has been a leading participant in the efforts by industry – commercial aviation, general aviation, manufacturing, labor, airports, advanced air mobility and other emerging technologies – to develop a strong consensus towards ensuring the FAA is better equipped, staffed, and prepared to manage and modernize the safest, largest, and most complex airspace system in the world and deliver economic growth and opportunity to communities across the country. Our industry is united in calling for immediate strong and decisive action and the legislative provision the Committee will consider this week will be a fundamental building block.

GAMA has also been encouraged by the leadership of Secretary Duffy and the Trump Administration on this important issue and look forward to hearing more about their proposal to advance these efforts. We are also heartened by the interest in the U.S. Senate as well as the ongoing commitment by the appropriations committees in both bodies to support the FAA's ability to manage and invest in a safe air traffic control system.

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Thank you again for your leadership and willingness to take decisive action to provide a critically needed downpayment for the safety and efficiency of the air traffic control system. This Committee is once again demonstrating its visionary and proactive approach to address significant aviation policy and issues, which is very appreciated and valued throughout the industry.

Sincerely,

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