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Dear Senator,



Our purpose in writing is to urge swift passage of a comprehensive reauthorization of the Federal Aviation Administration. The legislative process for enacting a long-term reauthorization has been dragging on for four years, leaving the agency operating without authorization for nearly three years. It is time for Congress to move forward decisively and pass an FAA bill.



As you know, the FAA has been operating under a series of short-term extensions since September of 2007. While the most recent extension included important safety provisions on pilot training, the larger bill includes many other safety-related measures that must now also be enacted to truly address the safety of the system as a whole. The lack of a bill is also impeding crucial infrastructure investments and delaying the design, planning and implementation of NextGen.



With only 15 days left until the clock runs out on the latest extension, we are currently in the final countdown to ensure that our National Airspace System (NAS) becomes even safer and more efficient. This bill affects all segments of aviation, from general aviation to commercial and cargo airlines, as well as airports, aviation workers, manufacturers, state and municipal governments and, most of all, the flying public. We, as aviation community members, will not stop pushing for this bill because the safety and the future of the NAS, as well as the vital investments in our airports and aviation infrastructure, are far too important to ignore.



The time for congressional action is now. Once and for all, it's time for this bill to be finished and sent to the President. The future of the NAS is most definitely at stake.

Sincerely,

Aircraft Owners and Pilots Assoc.
Air Line Pilots Assoc.
Airports Consultants Council
American Assoc. of State Highway Transportation Officials
American Council of Engineering Companies
American Road & Transportation Builders Assoc.
American Society of Civil Engineers
Assoc. of American Airport Executives
Assoc. of Equipment Manufacturers
Assoc. of Flight Attendants – CWA
Cargo Airlines Assoc.
General Aviation Manufacturers Assoc.

Internat'l Air Transport Assoc.
Internat'l Assoc. of Machinists
International Union of Operating Engineers
Nat'l Air Traffic Controllers Assoc.
Nat'l Air Transportation Assoc.
Nat'l Aircraft Resale Assoc.
Nat'l Assoc. of Counties
Nat'l Assoc. of Regional Councils
Nat'l Assoc. of State Aviation Officials
Nat'l Business Aviation Assoc.
Nat'l League of Cities
Portland Cement Assoc.
Professional Aviation Safety Specialists
Southwest Airlines Pilots Assoc.

