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The Honorable Elaine L. Chao Secretary Department of Transportation

Sent via e-mail to: sara.edwards@dot.gov

Dear Secretary Chao,

The Air Line Pilots Association (ALPA), representing the interests of 60,000 airline pilots in the United States and Canada, is happy to be given an opportunity to participate in the upcoming FAA Aviation Workforce Symposium scheduled for Thursday, September 13, 2018.

No organization is more committed to ensuring we have an adequate pilot pipeline and has done more to promote the pilot profession than ALPA. We look forward to sharing details of our efforts at this symposium as well as our recommendations on what we and the rest of the aviation community can do to ensure we have enough qualified pilots to keep aviation strong and our skies safe.

Attached are our recommendations that will be presented at the symposium. I think that you will agree that they are comprehensive and thorough and, if implemented, will secure the future in terms of having a robust pilot pipeline.

Best regards,

Captain Tim Canoll President Air Line Pilots Association, Int'l