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The Honorable Sam Graves, Chairman
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
2165 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rick Larsen, Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Graves and Ranking Member Larsen,

I am writing to express Airlines for America's (A4A)¹ strong support for the air traffic control (ATC) modernization provisions released today.

As you know, A4A has been building a broad industry and labor coalition that has been calling on the Administration and Congress to take action to address the serious and growing challenges facing our ATC system, including staffing shortages, outdated technology and funding deficiencies. The coalition is a diverse and broad group comprised of more than 50 aviation stakeholders. Never before has there been more unity around a shared vision for the future, demonstrated by our [public joint statement](#) of support for these provisions.

Numerous General Accountability Office (GAO) reports and the FAA's Safety Review Team have identified weaknesses in the system that not only cause delays and inefficiencies but also erode the margins of safety. Aviation is by far the safest mode of transportation, but action is urgently needed to rectify these longstanding issues. The House Aviation Subcommittee's hearing on March 4, 2025, highlighted bipartisan support for action.

The ATC provisions released today are a critical first step in putting our national airspace system (NAS) back on track and ensuring that the United States remains the gold standard for aviation safety. We encourage the Senate to act on these priorities, and we are optimistic that the Administration's forthcoming comprehensive ATC plan will build on the foundation set by these provisions.

Thank you for taking this concrete step to invest in the staffing, technology and infrastructure that will provide the modernization we have all been discussing for decades. We are grateful for your leadership and stand ready to support this critical downpayment on creating a world-class aviation system.

Sincerely,

Nicholas E. Calio

¹ A4A's members are Alaska Air Group, Inc.; American Airlines Group, Inc.; Atlas Air Worldwide Holdings, Inc.; Delta Air Lines, Inc.; FedEx Corp.; Hawaiian Airlines; JetBlue Airways Corp.; Southwest Airlines Co.; United Airlines Holdings, Inc.; and United Parcel Service Co. Air Canada is an associate member.