



June 5, 2018

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
United States Senate
S-230 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Minority Leader
United States Senate
S-221 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senators McConnell and Schumer:

On behalf of the Aerospace Industries Association (AIA) and the General Aviation Manufacturers Association (GAMA), and our over 400 member companies, we write to express our support for U.S. Senate passage of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Reauthorization Act (S. 1405) as soon as possible. This comprehensive bill includes key FAA certification and regulatory reforms that will help bring new safety technologies to the market, strengthen aviation sales and exports, and more effectively utilize the resources of the FAA and industry.

Last year, 27 Senators from both parties wrote to the leadership of the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee encouraging inclusion of certification and regulatory reforms in their FAA reauthorization legislation. We are gratified to see that S. 1405, as reported by the Senate Commerce Committee, contains these important reforms and will benefit businesses large and small, as well as drive industry innovation and job growth.

In particular, the provisions in S. 1405 direct FAA to more effectively utilize management and oversight tools, like Organizational Designation Authorization (ODA), to end unnecessary delays in the certification process and better manage scarce agency resources; reduce redundant regulatory oversight and conflicting regulatory interpretations; and, facilitate technological innovation in aviation safety and mobility. The legislation also focuses on strengthening FAA's international engagement and leadership, to improve aviation safety and facilitate the flow of products globally. Overall, the bill will have the impact of enhancing the aviation industry's global competitiveness and stimulating exports and jobs.

GAMA and AIA have worked with the U.S. Congress for many years on these reforms and they have strong bipartisan support in both bodies as well as in the Administration. With similar legislation already having passed the U.S. House of Representatives, we believe now is the right

time for the U.S. Senate to decisively act to improve the FAA certification and regulatory process. Thank you in advance for your consideration, and we look forward to continuing to work with you on this important issue.

Sincerely,



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Senator John Thune, Chairman, Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee
Senator Bill Nelson, Ranking Member, Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee