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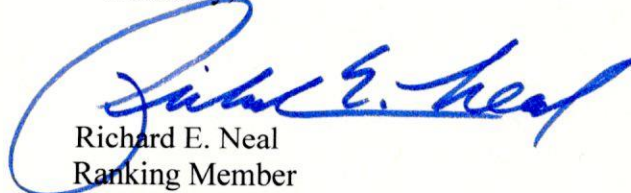
Dear Chairman Brady,

Transportation and Infrastructure Chairman Bill Shuster has introduced legislation, H.R. 2997, that would privatize the nation's air traffic control (ATC) system. The legislation would shift jurisdiction of nearly \$14 billion in air transportation excise taxes to a private board, and that board would be able to set the user fees that all airlines (and their passengers) pay to utilize the ATC system.

While we may disagree on the merits of Chairman Shuster's proposal with respect to privatization, I believe we share a strong interest in maintaining and enforcing the Committee's jurisdiction. Specifically, we should not waive jurisdiction over matters of revenue collection. The Committee's exclusive jurisdiction over revenue measures reflects the grave importance of their consideration in the Congress; we should work together to ensure that these issues receive the Committee's full attention.

These legislative changes will impact jobs all over the country, and we must do our jobs as members of this august Committee to ensure that they do not do harm to our economy. I urge that any consideration of H.R. 2997, including a possible tax title that could be added to such legislation, be undertaken under regular order, including discussion in a public hearing and a full legislative markup.

Sincerely,



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Ranking Member