

March 24, 2011

The Honorable John Boehner
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Democratic Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Urging Swift Passage of FAA Reauthorization Legislation (H.R. 658)

Dear Speaker Boehner and Leader Pelosi:

The undersigned associations, and corporations representing a broad cross-section of the U.S. aviation industry urge swift, bipartisan action on the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Reauthorization and Reform Act of 2011 (H.R. 658).

Given that the FAA has been operating on short-term extensions since 2007, it is important that the House expedite consideration of this important legislation and complete a multi-year FAA reauthorization as soon as possible. H.R. 658 contains many provisions important to the aviation community including strengthening the ability of FAA to implement the procedures, policies, and technology necessary for the success of NextGen; enhancing repair station safety oversight through a risk-based approach and leveraging safety resources efficiently; and reviewing and reforming existing FAA certification processes to streamline and make more efficient the current system without compromising safety.

House passage of H.R. 658 will bolster aviation safety, strengthen U.S. industry's ability to compete in the global marketplace, and streamline and make more efficient the operations of the FAA. We urge all members of the House to support its adoption.

Sincerely,

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Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association
Air Transport Association
Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International
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The Boeing Company
Bombardier Inc.
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