

Congress of the United States  
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable James L. Oberstar  
Chairman  
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure  
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The Honorable John Mica  
Ranking Member  
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The Honorable Jerry Costello  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Aviation  
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The Honorable Thomas Petri  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Aviation  
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Dear Chairman Oberstar, Chairman Costello, Congressman Mica, Congressman Petri:

We are writing to respectfully urge you to accept the Senate's provision on foreign repair station oversight during negotiations to produce a final FAA reauthorization bill. We believe the language included in the Senate version of this reauthorization represents the best way forward in addressing reforms in the aviation maintenance industry while taking into account our international obligations.

Like the House bill, the Senate language requires at least two annual inspections of FAA certified foreign repair stations and drug and alcohol testing of foreign repair stations workers. However, the Senate bill is also crafted to preserve the U.S. – E.U. Bilateral Aviation Safety Agreement (BASA) which is critical for both aviation safety and jobs in the U.S.

As you know, the BASA supports well-skilled, high-paying American jobs because it allows U.S. repair stations to work on European aircraft and parts. Without this agreement, some of the 1,200 E.U. certificated U.S. repair stations will lose their certification while the others will face dramatically higher certification costs, in both cases jeopardizing jobs dependent on the BASA.

We appreciate the leadership you've shown on this issue and your willingness to find a solution that increases safety while honoring our international agreements. We hope you will consider our request as you complete work on this important safety bill.

Sincerely,



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