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The Honorable Bill Shuster
Chairman
House Transportation & Infrastructure
Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Peter DeFazio
Ranking Member
House Transportation & Infrastructure
Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
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**Urging Swift Action on 21st Century Aviation Innovation, Reform, and
Reauthorization Act (H.R. 2997)**

Dear Chairman Shuster and Ranking Member DeFazio:

The Aeronautical Repair Station Association (ARSA), the trade association representing the global civil aviation maintenance industry, strongly supports swift action on the 21st Century Aviation Innovation, Reform, and Reauthorization Act (H.R. 2997).

Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) reauthorization represents an important opportunity to make America's aviation system more efficient and build upon the industry's outstanding safety record. We commend you for drafting a bill that pursues these goals and look forward to working with you and your colleagues in both the House and Senate to further refine the legislation and swiftly enact it.

For regulators to do their jobs, they must have the tools your legislation provides: predictable resources and clear congressional direction. ARSA strongly supports improving the certification process and encouraging international cooperation between the FAA and other civil aviation authorities to enhance efficiencies and improve safety. We also support using reauthorization as an opportunity to address the maintenance industry skilled worker shortage and improve the regulatory climate for repair stations by reinstating their right to voluntarily and unilaterally surrender of their certificates.

As the process moves forward, we urge you to remain vigilant against any amendments that might disrupt trade or impose unnecessary new costs and mandates on the aviation maintenance companies that employ 3,900 men and women in Pennsylvania, 2,000 in Oregon, and more than 277,000 around the country.

Thank you for your leadership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Klein", is positioned above the printed name of the sender.

Christian A. Klein
Executive Vice President