

February 27, 2020

The Honorable James M. Inhofe
United States Senate
205 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Tammy Duckworth
United States Senate
524 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Inhofe and Duckworth:

As representatives of hundreds of thousands of individuals, companies, schools, and other entities involved in all segments of aviation and aerospace, we are writing to express our strong support for your legislation that would create a National Center for the Advancement of Aviation (NCAA).

We strongly support the creation of a national, independent forum to facilitate collaboration and cooperation between all sectors of aviation and aerospace stakeholders and related partners to coordinate, promote, and support the future of aviation. In particular, we value the National Center's focus on four key areas: aviation and aerospace STEM curriculum; workforce development, economic and safety data and research sharing, and being a forum for cross-disciplinary collaboration.

The NCAA created by your legislation would ensure that the United States remains a global aviation and aerospace leader in a number of ways. First, it would support education efforts and provide resources to curriculum developers so educators at all levels have the tools and training educate the next generation of aviation professionals. Second, it would serve as a collaborative forum to leverage and share expertise amongst all industry sectors, including empowering the dissemination of existing high school education curriculum in aviation and aerospace programs. Third, it would be a central repository for economic and safety data research and analysis that will enable a collaborative industry to foresee issues and respond proactively. Finally, it would support symposiums and conferences to facilitate cross-disciplinary collaboration across aviation and aerospace communities.

We greatly appreciate your leadership in introducing this important and much needed legislation. It will ensure a collaborative process to promote our industry and to assist in the development of the next generation of aviation and aerospace workers. Together, with the NCAA, we can meet the challenges of today and those in the future.

Sincerely,

AAR Corp	Airlines for America	Arkansas General Aviation
ACI Jet	Alabama General Aviation	Association
Aeronautical Repair Station	Alliance	Association for Unmanned Vehicle
Association	Alaska Airlines	Systems International
Aerospace Center of Excellence	Alaska Airmen Association	Association of California Airports
Aerospace Maintenance Council	Alaskan Aviation Safety	Atlas Air Worldwide
Air Line Pilots Association,	Foundation	Aviation Council of Pennsylvania
International	Alliance for Airports Across	Aviation Technician Education
Air Medical Operators Association	America	Council
Air Wisconsin Airlines	Allied Pilots Association	California Pilots Association
Airbus	American Airlines	Cape Air
Aircraft Electronics Association	American Bonanza Society	Cargo Airline Association
Aircraft Mechanics Fraternal	American Yankee Association	Cessna Flyer Association
Association	Arizona Airports Association	Choose Aerospace, Inc.
Aircraft Owners and Pilots	Arizona Pilots Association	Citation Jet Pilots, Inc.
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Commemorative Air Force	Lewis University Airport	Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum
Community and Airport Partnership for Safe Operations	Long Island Business Aviation Association	Petaluma Area Pilots Association
CommutAir	Los Alamos Airport	Piedmont Airlines
Compass Airlines	Louisiana Airport Managers and Associates	Piper Flyer Association
Delta Air Lines	Maine Aeronautics Association	Plane and Pilot News
Delta State University	Maine Aviation Business Association	Professional Aviation Maintenance Association
EAA Type Club Coalition	Massachusetts Airport Management Association	PSA Airlines
EAA Warbirds of America	Michigan Business Aviation Association	Pure White Smoke Oil, Inc.
East Central Ohio Pilots Association	Minnesota Pilots Association	Red Star Pilots Association
East Hampton Aviation Association	Minnesota Seaplane Pilots Association	Regional Airline Association
Empire Airlines	Mississippi Agricultural Association	Republic Airways
Endeavor Air	Montana Pilots Association	Rhode Island Pilots Association
Envoy Air	National Agricultural Aviation Association	San Carlos Pilots Association
Experimental Aircraft Association	National Air Traffic Controllers Association	Seaplane Pilots Association
ExpressJet Airlines	National Air Transportation Association	South Carolina Aviation Association
FAST	National Association of State Aviation Officials	South Dakota Pilots Association
FedEx Express	National Business Aviation Association	Southwest Airlines
Flight School Association of North America	NetJets	Southwest Airlines Pilots Association
Flying Knights Flying Club	NetJets Association of Shared Aircraft Pilots	Start Skydiving, Inc.
Friends of Linden Airport	New Hampshire Pilots Association	Sturdivant Brothers Flying Service
Fullerton Airport Pilots Association	New Jersey Aviation Association	T-34 Mentor Association
General Aviation Council of Hawaii	New Mexico Airport Manager's Association	The Boeing Company
General Aviation Manufacturers Association	New York Aviation Management Association	The Museum of Flight, Seattle, Washington
Glasair Aircraft Owners Association	North American Trainer Association	Trans States Airlines
GoJet Airlines	Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission	U.S. Contract Tower Association
Hawaiian Airlines	Oklahoma Airport Operators Association	U.S. Parachute Association
Helicopter Association International	Oklahoma Pilots Association	United Airlines
Horizon Air	Oregon Pilots Association	UPS
International Air Transport Association		Veterans Airlift Command
International Council of Air Shows, Inc.		Virginia Aviation Business Association
Iowa Aviation Association		Washington Pilots Association
Kentucky Aviation Association		Washington Seaplane Pilots Association
Kimmel Aviation Insurance		Women in Aviation International
Ladd Gardner Aviation Insurance, Inc.		Zerowait, Inc.