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MEMORANDUM

To: Local, State and Federal Public Safety Officials

From: Christian A. Klein
Executive Vice President

Re: Federal Aviation Administration Certificated Repair Stations Are Essential Businesses

Date: March 20, 2020

Thank you for your efforts to protect the public during the current pandemic. While quarantine orders and mandatory business closure strategies are vital, these orders must be tailored to ensure essential services continue.

Aeronautical repair stations certificated by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) pursuant to [14 CFR part 145](#) are businesses that provide essential services that must continue operations.

Federal regulations require U.S.-registered aircraft and related components be maintained by FAA-approved “persons”¹; specifically, mechanics and repairmen² and people working under their supervision, repair stations³, air carriers⁴ and, in certain limited circumstances, pilots.

Repair stations provide the majority of maintenance, preventive maintenance, and alteration services in the United States for aircraft, airframes, aircraft engines, propellers, appliances, and component parts.

Forcing repair stations to cease operations will disrupt and prevent essential government functions (including emergency and police services and U.S. military aviation); commercial air carrier passenger and cargo operations; and general and business aviation operations, including humanitarian relief and essential health services.

In light of the foregoing, federally mandated FAA-certificated repair stations are essential businesses that must be excluded from emergency business closures.

Should you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 703.739.9543 x 106 or christian.klein@arsa.org. A database of repair stations in your state is available at <https://av-info.faa.gov/repairstation.asp>. Information about the aviation maintenance industry’s employment and economic footprint in your state is available at <http://arsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/ARSA-OW-MarketReport-Final-USStateByState-2020.pdf>.

¹ See, [14 CFR § 43.3](#).

² Certificated under [14 CFR part 65](#).

³ Certificated under [14 CFR part 145](#)

⁴ Certificated under [14 CFR parts 121](#) or [135](#)