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The Honorable Sam Graves
Chairman
Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rick Larsen
Ranking Member
Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: Enact the Aviation Funding Solvency Act (H.R. 6086) to Protect the U.S. National Airspace System and Aerospace Supply Chain

Dear Chairman Graves and Ranking Member Larsen:

The Aeronautical Repair Station Association (ARSA) strongly supports the Aviation Funding Solvency Act (H.R. 6086), which will protect the U.S. National Airspace System (NAS) and aerospace supply chain from disruption in the event of a future government shutdown.

ARSA is the trade association for the aerospace maintenance industry, which employs close to 340,000 Americans, directly contributes \$68 billion annually to the U.S. economy, and keeps the country's civil and military fleet airworthy.

The negative effects of the most recent government shutdown on the NAS and supply chain are well documented; because the aviation sector is so heavily regulated, the FAA shutdown disrupted design, production, operations, and maintenance activities, as well as agency rulemaking.

Significantly, the congressionally mandated Aerospace Supply Chain Resiliency Task Force [report](#) sent to Congress last year specifically identified FAA shutdowns as a supply chain risk. The report stated:

The aerospace sector is particularly impacted by continuing resolutions and government shutdowns, as it relies on constant interaction with the FAA and other federal agencies to function effectively, efficiently, and productively.

The report also pointed out that the mere threat of a shutdown forces a reallocation of agency resources away from the FAA's safety mission as agency personnel scramble to develop shutdown staffing plans.

For all the foregoing reasons, ARSA thanks you for your leadership and looks forward to working with you to enact the Aviation Funding Solvency Act.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Klein", is written over a light blue circular background.

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