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April 29, 2025

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

Dear Chairman Graves:

On behalf of the Alaska Air Carriers Association (AACAA), we sincerely thank the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure for its proposed investment in the FAA's air traffic control system, according to the 2024 FAA Reauthorization Act. This initiative addresses critical infrastructure and staffing needs while enhancing safety and efficiency for all National Airspace System users.

As representatives of operators serving remote and aviation-dependent communities, we appreciate the committee's recognition of the need for new technologies to optimize the system. The Committee's proposal to improve aviation safety through the Don Young Alaska Aviation Safety Initiative is imperative. We strongly urge the FAA to utilize its procurement authorities to swiftly deploy advanced systems, benefiting controllers, pilots, and the public.

We are particularly grateful for the Committee's understanding of Alaska's unique requirements, including funding for weather stations, surveillance and communication infrastructure, runway improvements, and safety initiatives vital for health care, education, commerce, and connectivity.

The AACAA eagerly anticipates collaborating with the House and Senate to ensure these crucial investments are enacted and implemented. This would support safer and more efficient air travel for all Americans, especially Alaskans residing in remote areas beyond the road system.

Sincerely,

Will Day
Executive Director
Alaska Air Carriers Association

CC: The Honorable Troy Nehls