



### ***Air Medical Organizations Applaud Committee Action on ALERT Act***

The Air Medical Operators Association (AMOA) and the Association of Air Medical Services (AAMS) are encouraged by the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee's bipartisan vote to report the "ALERT Act" to the U.S. House of Representatives. This legislation makes significant and positive changes to advance aviation safety. AAMS and AMOA thank the Committee for including provisions recognizing the unique operational profile of air medical services, including helicopter air ambulances.

The associations appreciate the inclusion of air medical operators in the aviation rulemaking committees (ARACs) established in the legislation, as well as the "Close Proximity Encounters" Working Group and the "Working group to evaluate shared frequency around Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport".

Through these provisions, the ALERT Act, as reported, recognizes air space safety issues faced by air medical operators every day. Air ambulances frequently fly at low altitudes and in dynamic, unpredictable environments. They must conduct takeoffs and landings at accident and incident scenes and at a wide range of heliports and helipads. AMOA and AAMS are committed to the safety of every member of our aviation and medical crews and each patient they transport. The ALERT Act takes important steps to support this shared commitment.

AAMS and AMOA urge the House of Representatives to promptly approve the ALERT Act and Congress to move expeditiously to enact aviation safety legislation into law that recognizes the life-saving role and specific operational issues of air medical services.

**About AMOA:** AMOA was founded in 2009 to represent Part 135 certificate holders operating air medical fixed-wing aircraft and rotorcraft on safety issues. The association is dedicated to continuously improving safety through sharing best practices, establishing safety commitments, and meeting and exceeding federal regulatory requirements. AMOA member companies operate more than 1,200 aircraft and employ thousands of aviation and health care professionals dedicated to lifesaving medical transport missions.

**About AAMS:** Established in 1980, the Association of Air Medical Services (AAMS) is an international trade association headquartered in the Washington, DC area. AAMS is a non-profit 501C(6) trade association that represents and advocates on behalf of our membership to enhance their ability to deliver quality, safe, and effective medical care and medical transportation for every patient in-need. AAMS is a dedicated team, committed to representing and advocating for the Air Medical and the Critical Care Ground Transport Industry and supporting our members who proudly serve their communities throughout the United States and around the world. AAMS provides numerous professional development opportunities for our members at a variety of local, national, and international events.

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