



Statement from APA President First Officer Nick Silva on the ALERT Act

On behalf of the 16,000 pilots of American Airlines, the Allied Pilots Association (APA) strongly applauds the introduction of the Airspace Location and Enhanced Risk Transparency (ALERT) Act of 2026. This legislation represents a critical step forward in ensuring our National Airspace System remains the safest and most efficient in the world.

We would like to specifically thank Chairman Graves, Ranking Member Larsen, Chairman Rogers, and Ranking Member Smith for their commitment to an inclusive legislative process. By ensuring that input from all pilot labor groups is integrated into the final language, the House has demonstrated its understanding that those on the front lines of aviation are best positioned to identify and address emerging safety risks.

The inclusion of labor's voice ensures this bill is not just a policy document, but a practical tool that supports aviation professionals in their daily mission. We are particularly encouraged to see provisions that prioritize transparency and operational integrity, which are essential for maintaining the safety and reliability our passengers expect.

To that degree, ADS-B In technology needs to be integrated into all Part 121 aircraft as in-panel display and connected to the flight management system, validating the NTSB's findings and recommendations. APA remains dedicated to working alongside the House in shaping and advancing the ALERT Act and reinforcing a culture where safety is never compromised for the sake of profit and where the expertise of professional pilots remains central to federal oversight.