



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:

Alaska Airlines and Hawaiian Airlines are greatly encouraged by and applaud the critical and historic level of investment that the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure proposes to make in the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) air traffic control (ATC) system. This down payment builds on the direction Congress set forward in the 2024 FAA Reauthorization Act and will enable the FAA to take significant leaps towards addressing the critical needs of our aviation infrastructure and staffing while improving safety and efficiency for all users of the national airspace system (NAS).

As a leader for decades in using new technology to better navigate the NAS, we have long highlighted the need to prepare for the future in aviation by embracing new technologies and innovations to optimize the entire system for all who depend on it. The Committee's proposal is an important first step in shoring up critical systems while also better utilizing technology such as Performance Based Navigation. It is important that the FAA fully use the scope of its existing procurement authority granted by Congress to facilitate the effective and timely deployment of state-of-the-art technology with capabilities that meet the needs of air traffic controllers and NAS users to the benefit of the public.

As airlines serving some of the most remote and aviation-dependent communities, we also applaud the Committee's leadership in providing robust funding for safety in Alaska, Hawaii, American Samoa, and other remote locations. Upgrading our weather stations' equipment and reliability, surveillance and communication systems, runway capabilities, and other safety initiatives will improve aviation safety for these communities that vitally rely on aviation to meet their critical needs.

We look forward to working with both the House and the Senate to ensure these investments are enacted into law, and we stand ready to collaborate on future efforts to usher in the safest and most efficient age of air travel.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Megan Ouellette". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Megan" and last name "Ouellette" clearly distinguishable.

Megan Ouellette  
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CC: The Honorable Troy Nehls