

September 26, 2018

The Honorable Paul Ryan
Speaker
United States House of Representatives
H-232 U.S. Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
United States Senate
S-230 U.S. Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Democratic Leader
United States House of Representatives
H-204 U.S. Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Democratic Leader
United States Senate
S-221 U.S. Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Leader McConnell, Speaker Ryan, Leader Schumer, and Leader Pelosi:

CTIA, NAB, WIA, CCA, and NATE, representing the U.S. communications industry and companies throughout the ecosystem, are pleased to convey our strong support for H.R. 302, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018.

We commend Chairmen Shuster and Thune and Ranking Members DeFazio and Nelson for their leadership and diligence in advancing legislation that will enhance air safety. Moreover, we are profoundly grateful for the inclusion of Section 576, which appropriately clarifies provisions included in the 2016 FAA reauthorization legislation (P.L. 114-190) regarding the marking of certain telecommunications towers.

Our associations and the companies and employees they represent shared substantial concern over prior marking language that would have resulted in significant economic impacts on industry and consumers without a corresponding increase in safety. The language included in H.R. 302 ensures the safety of pilots conducting low-level aviation operations without requiring unnecessary and potentially hazardous tower climbs by the communications industry.

We urge swift passage of this important legislation in both chambers, and we look forward to continuing our collaboration in the months and years ahead.

Sincerely,

