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U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM), the largest manufacturing association in the United States representing 14,000 manufacturers in every industrial sector and in all 50 states, I am writing to urge you to support the reauthorization of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), which is included in H.R. 302.

The NAM supports transportation policies that invest in infrastructure over the long-term and related systems to ensure U.S. manufacturing competitiveness. Manufacturers rely on the nation's air transportation system to help support business competitiveness, efficiency and growth. Stable and reliable funding is critical to advance continued investment in airports, runways and the strength of the entire aviation system.

H.R. 302 includes language to authorize key FAA programs through the end of fiscal year 2023. Reforms included in the legislation would enhance the competitiveness of U.S. aerospace manufacturing through improvements to the FAA's certification processes for aircraft design and modification and provides additional funding to assist with crucial airport and runway infrastructure improvements. Additionally, the legislation maintains important ongoing efforts to harmonize lithium battery regulations with international standards and improvements to FAA drone regulations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Robyn M. Boerstling'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped 'R' and 'B'.

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