



December 17, 2025

The Honorable Sam Graves  
Chairman  
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rick Larsen  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Graves and Ranking Member Larsen:

Alaska Airlines and Hawaiian Airlines strongly support H.R. 6086, the Aviation Funding Solvency Act. This important legislation will provide critical funding stability to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and its workforce in the event of a lapse in appropriations, and we respectfully urge the Committee to advance it.

The recent federal government shutdown demonstrated that our aviation system and those who run it and rely on it are uniquely impacted when funding lapses occur. Recognizing the circumstances, the FAA during this latest shutdown took drastic action to ensure safety was not compromised. As a result of the shutdown and the FAA's emergency order to reduce flights due to staffing triggers across the country, Alaska Airlines, Hawaiian Airlines and Horizon Air cancelled roughly 600 flights, impacting approximately 40,000 guests. The shutdown's impact on aviation had a further ripple effect across the U.S. economy in communities of all sizes who rely on aviation to support commerce and vital movement of people and goods. The unique impacts of shutdowns on the FAA itself, the industry and the economy clearly demonstrate the need for a predictable, stable funding structure for the FAA in the case of a government shutdown in order to maintain the highest level of safety and integrity for our national airspace system.

The Aviation Funding Solvency Act offers a bipartisan solution to these problems. Consistent funding is essential not only for core air traffic and aviation safety services, but also for long-term investments in modernization, safety, and the FAA's workforce that benefit every airline, airport, and traveler.

Alaska and Hawaiian are proud that our guests trust us to provide safe, reliable air travel every day. As airlines serving some of the most remote and aviation-dependent communities, we recognize that H.R. 6086 will help to ensure that the FAA has the financial resources necessary to support our guests' expectations and maintain the high levels of safety and efficiency.

We remain grateful to the FAA air traffic controllers, safety inspectors, and other personnel who worked to ensure the safety and functioning of air travel despite not receiving pay during this recent government shutdown, and it is our sincere hope that this bill will guarantee those safety professionals will get paid during a future funding lapse.

We commend you for your leadership on this important topic, and we look forward to working with both the House and Senate to support passage of this legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Megan Ouellette". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Megan" on the top line and "Ouellette" on the bottom line.

Megan Ouellette  
Vice President, Public and Government Affairs  
Alaska Airlines and Hawaiian Airlines

CC: The Honorable Troy Nehls  
The Honorable André Carson