



April 29, 2025

The Honorable Sam Graves, Chairman
The Honorable Rick Larsen, Ranking Member
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Troy Nehls, Chairman
The Honorable Steve Cohen, Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Aviation
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
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Dear Chairman Graves, Ranking Member Larsen, Chairman Nehls, and Ranking Member Cohen:

On behalf of the International Air Transport Association (IATA)¹, I am writing to express our strong support for the air traffic control (ATC) modernization proposal scheduled to be considered by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure at its markup on April 30, 2025.

As you are well aware, investing in the modernization of the United States ATC system is essential for ensuring the safety, efficiency, and sustainability of air travel. As air traffic volumes continue to grow, the outdated infrastructure and technology that underpin the ATC system struggle to meet the demands of modern aviation. Upgrading this system is crucial for addressing current challenges and preparing for the future of air transportation.

The Committee's proposal is a critical first step in ensuring that the US ATC system remains a global leader, capable of adapting to the evolving needs of aviation. IATA looks forward to working with you and other stakeholders to incorporate this proposal into a comprehensive proposal that can be sent to the president for his signature as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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¹ IATA is the trade association of the world's airlines, representing some 350 passenger and cargo airlines in over 120 countries and carrying 83 percent of the world's air traffic.