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The Honorable Sam Graves  
Chairman  
Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rick Larsen  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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Dear Chairman Graves and Ranking Member Larsen:

On behalf of more than 23,000 at JetBlue, New York's low-fare Hometown Airline, I write to express our strong support for the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure's Air Traffic Control modernization proposal to fund critical investments in our Air Traffic Control (ATC) system's technology, infrastructure and workforce.

JetBlue operates a majority of its flights in the northeast, the busiest and most complex airspace in the world. We have long advocated for solutions to address shortages in ATC staffing, challenges in technology adoption, and outdated infrastructure and telecommunications that have created systemwide vulnerabilities, particularly as ATC issues in New York drive delays throughout the National Airspace System (NAS). These vulnerabilities often impact JetBlue's ability to provide our customers with the reliable travel experience they deserve.

This funding proposal is a step forward in addressing the longstanding need for profound ATC modernization initiatives that ensure safety while increasing the efficiency and efficacy of the NAS. Airlines, including JetBlue, have invested hundreds of millions of dollars in equipage to take advantage of technology that will improve operational efficiency and reduce delays. It is well past time for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to mirror this commitment with an infusion of overdue funding aimed at overhauling all facets of our ATC system.

We are eager to work closely with you and other members of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure to build on your work in the 2024 FAA Reauthorization with additional attention on these much-needed reforms. JetBlue looks forward to serving as a resource as the committee develops policy legislation to direct the FAA's utilization of these funds. We urge that the committee prioritize the New York area and other regions with disproportionate vulnerabilities to the NAS for modernization projects to ensure that this significant federal investment is being optimized.

I urge swift passage of this important proposal to kick off a generational investment in our infrastructure in the skies and herald in the next era of air travel in the United States.

Sincerely,

Joanna Geraghty  
Chief Executive Officer