



February 20, 2026

The Honorable Sam Graves (MO-6)
Chairman
House Committee on Transportation and
Infrastructure
2165 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rick Larsen (WA-2)
Ranking Member
House Committee on Transportation and
Infrastructure
2163 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Mike Rogers (AL-3)
Chairman
House Armed Services Committee
2216 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Adam Smith (WA-9)
Ranking Member
House Armed Services Committee
2216 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Graves, Ranking Member Larsen, Chairman Rogers and Ranking Member Smith,

Safety is business aviation's highest priority, first and always. On behalf of the National Business Aviation Association's (NBAA's) 11,000-member companies, I'm writing to express support for the Airspace Location and Enhanced Risk Transparency (ALERT) Act of 2026, aviation safety legislation in response to the January 2025 midair collision between American Airlines Flight 5342 and a UH-60 Army Black Hawk helicopter at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA).

This comprehensive legislation addresses the 50 safety recommendations issued by the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), which were included in the Board's final report published earlier this week, on February 17, 2026.

We support the ALERT Act's historic advances in safety including requiring performance-based technology improvements in the cockpit to enhance alerting and situational awareness for pilots, updates to air traffic control processes and procedures, better coordination between the military and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), and a review of the FAA's safety culture.

Thank you for your leadership and introduction of this landmark aviation safety legislation. It is an important way to honor the lives of those tragically lost in the DCA collision.

We urge the House to advance the ALERT Act swiftly so that the bill's critical safety improvements can be implemented as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ed Bolen", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Ed Bolen
President & CEO
National Business Aviation Association