

April 27, 2025

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

Dear Chairman Graves and Ranking Member Larsen:

On behalf of the National Business Aviation Association's (NBAA's) 11,000-member companies, I'm writing to express support for the Air Traffic Control modernization proposal from the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure to fund critical investments in the air traffic control (ATC) system's technology, infrastructure and workforce, ensuring the United States remains the gold standard of aviation safety.

NBAA's members, many of which are small businesses, rely on general aviation aircraft to meet some portion of their transportation needs. These aircraft provide connectivity to communities in every state and nearly every congressional district, which is especially critical to communities with little or no airline service. Business aviation is keeping small businesses globally competitive and bolstering our national economy with 1.3 million American jobs and \$340 billion in economic output.

The U.S. has the safest, largest, most diverse and most efficient air traffic control system in the world, enabling business aviation to transport persons and cargo, conduct air medical flights for organs and patients, provide natural disaster response and serve many other valuable purposes. The wide-ranging benefits of business aviation in the U.S. are made possible only by our country's ATC system infrastructure, dedicated workforce and continuous improvement based on data-driven safety initiatives.

We commend the Committee for recognizing the importance of improving ATC infrastructure and strengthening the controller workforce to improve safety and efficiency in the national airspace system. The proposal is a meaningful down payment on the great needs of the system.

We urge the House to pass these provisions and look forward to working collaboratively with the Congress and the Administration on this important effort.

Sincerely,

Ed Bolen

President and CEO