



August 1, 2017

The Honorable John Faso
1616 Longworth House Office Building
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C., 20515

Dear Representative Faso:

The Partnership for New York City represents the city's business leaders and largest private sector employers. We work together with government, labor and the nonprofit sectors to promote economic growth and maintain the city's position as a global center of commerce and innovation. Partnership members account for over 7 million American jobs and contribute over \$900 billion to the national GDP.

We write today in support of the Air Traffic Control (ATC) reform provision in H.R. 2997, the 21st Century Aviation Innovation, Reform, and Reauthorization Act which would transfer ATC management and operations from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to a nonprofit entity governed by a board of aviation users, while maintaining the FAA as the safety regulator.

The United States may have the safest airspace in the world but far from the most efficient. New York's airports account for nearly three quarters of our nation's delays and over \$2.6 billion annually in economic losses. Absent major reform, we will experience increased flight delays and airspace congestion, which add to the cost of air travel and result in lost productivity for individual businesses and the American economy as a whole.

Adoption of the ATC reform provision in H.R. 2997 will allow for increased investment in, and quicker implementation of, necessary upgrades and important projects such as satellite-based air traffic management. Under the current system it will be impossible to meet growing demands for air travel services and remain globally competitive.

As Congress works to reauthorize the FAA ahead of its September 30th expiration, we urge you to support legislation that includes ATC reform. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kathryn S. Wylde", with a stylized, flowing script.

Kathryn S. Wylde
President & CEO
Partnership for New York City