



April 28, 2025

The Honorable Sam Graves  
Chairman  
Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure  
2165 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rick Larsen  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure  
2165 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Graves and Ranking Member Larsen,

The Regional Airline Association applauds Chairman Sam Graves and members of the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee for today's proposal on Air Traffic Control modernization. We strongly support the proposed investment in air traffic control facilities, infrastructure, and workforce. These investments comprise an essential downpayment on the critical, comprehensive work that must be undertaken to ensure the long-term safety and efficiency of the national air transportation system.

Our current ATC system suffers from aging and inadequate technology, crumbling facilities, and severe staffing shortages. As the Committee correctly recognizes, these shortfalls have introduced an unacceptable level of risk into our aviation system. To keep our skies safe, the FAA has been forced to reduce capacity. The subsequent drawdown of scheduled air service has harmed regional air service and smaller communities disproportionately.

RAA recognizes the Committee's proposed investments are a crucial first step in advancing comprehensive modernization of our air traffic control system, and we strongly endorse them. We look forward to working with Congress, the White House, DOT, and FAA to pursue bold, effective ATC modernization that ensures our ATC system can safely and efficiently manage air traffic today while becoming agile in meeting the vast changes underway within the aviation and aerospace community of the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Faye Malarkey Black". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Faye Malarkey Black  
President & CEO