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The Southwest Airlines Pilots Association (SWAPA) commends the House of Representatives for its decisive action to ensure the recommendations of the National Transportation Safety Board's final report on the tragic accident at Reagan National Airport are fully implemented.

This comprehensive legislation — led by Chairman Graves and Ranking Member Larsen, in partnership with Chairman Rogers and Ranking Member Smith — represents a meaningful and bipartisan commitment to strengthening aviation safety, particularly at our nation's busiest and most complex airports.

As the aviation system stands on the threshold of integrating Advanced Air Mobility aircraft into the National Airspace System, the imperative to enhance situational awareness has never been greater. Aircrews and air traffic controllers must be equipped with every available tool to accurately identify aircraft and receive timely alerts of potential traffic conflicts. Proactive investment in these capabilities is essential to maintaining the highest level of safety as our airspace evolves.

While we cannot undo the past, we have a solemn responsibility to learn from every accident and implement the changes necessary to prevent future tragedies. Passage of the ALERT Act, alongside the ROTOR Act, will honor the lives lost in the DCA midair collision by driving tangible, lasting improvements to aviation safety.

SWAPA urges Congress to act swiftly and pass both the ALERT Act and the ROTOR Act to ensure our aviation system remains the safest in the world.