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The Honorable Sam Graves  
Chairman  
Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Troy Nehls  
Chairman, Aviation Subcommittee  
Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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Dear Chairman Graves and Chairman Nehls:

On behalf of Southwest Airlines, I write in strong support for the Air Traffic Control (ATC) funding proposal that is slated to be included in the Budget Reconciliation Act. We applaud your leadership in attempting to address critical needs at the FAA and the agency's ability to properly manage the largest, most complex, and most important ATC system in the world – while at the same time maintaining our nation's "gold standard" in terms of aviation safety.

We believe the time is now for Congress to fund and the Administration to implement major investments in ATC staffing, training, technologies, and facilities. Over many years, Southwest has repeatedly observed how the U.S. ATC system, while incredibly safe, is overall less efficient and less reliable at a time when more aviation stakeholders are using our system.

The proposal that you are leading will provide a major boost to the long-term investments the FAA needs to bring the ATC system into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. We also look forward to the release of Secretary Duffy's comprehensive plan to modernize the U.S. ATC system, which collectively will provide the American people and the broad and growing collection of aviation stakeholders with a world-class ATC system.

Thank you for your leadership in this regard. Southwest is proud to endorse your efforts, and we stand ready to help you move this proposal forward.

Sincerely,

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