



February 20, 2026

The Honorable Sam Graves  
Chairman  
Committee on Transportation and  
Infrastructure  
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Rick Larsen  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Transportation and  
Infrastructure  
U.S. House of Representatives

Dear Chairman Graves and Ranking Member Larsen:

On behalf of Vertical Aviation International (VAI), I write to express our strong support for the Airspace Location and Enhanced Risk Transparency (ALERT) Act of 2026.

VAI is the global trade association for the civil vertical aviation industry, representing more than 1,100 businesses and 18,000 professionals across more than 70 nations, including operators of helicopters, UAS, and next-generation vertical aircraft. VAI is dedicated to fueling the growth of the vertical aviation industry through safety, advocacy, and education so that communities around the world are strengthened by the power of vertical flight.

We commend the Committee for advancing a bill that addresses all 50 safety-related recommendations identified by the NTSB and considers each of the Board's findings of probable cause. By responding to every recommendation, the ALERT Act provides a thorough and holistic framework for meaningful, system-wide improvements across the National Airspace System.

"The ALERT Act represents a comprehensive effort to strengthen aviation safety in response to the NTSB's findings," said François Lassale, President and CEO of VAI. "This bipartisan legislation demonstrates Congress's commitment to delivering thoughtful, data-driven reforms that strengthen safety throughout our aviation system."

VAI thanks Chairman Sam Graves and Ranking Member Rick Larsen of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee for their leadership, along with Armed Services Committee Chairman Mike Rogers and Ranking Member Adam Smith for their collaboration on provisions strengthening safety in shared civil-military airspace.

We appreciate the Committee's continued engagement with industry stakeholders and stand ready to work with you and the Federal Aviation Administration as implementation moves forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'François Lassale', with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

François Lassale  
President and CEO  
Vertical Aviation International