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U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives:

The National Association of Manufacturers (NAM), the largest manufacturing association in the United States representing manufacturers in every industrial sector and in all 50 states, urges you to support H.R. 4, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Reauthorization Act of 2018, introduced by House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman Bill Shuster (R-PA) and Ranking Member Peter DeFazio (D-OR).

The NAM supports transportation policies that invest in infrastructure over the long-term and related systems to ensure U.S. manufacturing competitiveness. Manufacturers rely on the nation's air transportation system to help support business competitiveness, efficiency and growth. Stable and reliable funding is critical to advance continued investment in airports, runways and the strength of the entire aviation system.

H.R. 4 authorizes key FAA programs through the end of fiscal year 2023. Reforms included in the legislation would enhance the competitiveness of U.S. aerospace manufacturing through improvements to the FAA's certification processes for aircraft design and modification and provides additional funding to assist with crucial airport and runway infrastructure improvements. Additionally, the legislation maintains important ongoing efforts to harmonize lithium battery regulations with international standards and improvements to FAA drone regulations.

The NAM's Key Vote Advisory Committee has indicated that votes on H.R. 4, including procedural motions, may be considered for designation as Key Manufacturing Votes in the 115th Congress. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Key Manufacturing Vote