

April 28, 2025

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

Dear Chairman Graves,

On behalf of the members of the Cargo Airline Association (CAA)<sup>1</sup>, I write to strongly support the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure's reconciliation provision providing an historic investment to modernize America's air traffic control infrastructure, technology, and workforce. This initial investment is critical for the United States to remain the gold standard in aviation safety across the globe.

As representatives of the all-cargo and express aviation sector, our industry has raised concerns about the mounting risks posed by outdated technology, aging facilities, and persistent staffing shortages. These challenges threaten the resilience of our national airspace, on which the American economy depends. We are grateful for your continued leadership and for the Committee's commitment to address these issues head-on.

The Committee's proposal represents a transformational investment in the future of aviation building upon the important progress made with passage of the 2024 FAA Reauthorization law. Modernizing our nation's air traffic control system will enhance safety, reduce delays, improve operational efficiency, and strengthen the supply chains that Americans rely on every day. We look forward to continuing our work with policymakers to augment this effort, including supporting reforms that enable robust 24/7 staffing, improving technology implementation and deployment coordination, and limiting operational impacts.

We are committed to working with the Senate as they work on legislation to ensure the needs of our national airspace are met. To secure the future of American aviation, the Cargo Airline Association urges swift passage of these provisions so they may be sent to the President's desk for signature.

Sincerely,

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