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ASK YOUR MEMBER OF CONGRESS TO CO-SIGN LETTER TO OBAMA OPPOSING USER FEES IN THE FEDERAL BUDGET

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What's at Issue

U.S. Representatives Thomas Petri (R-WI) and Jerry Costello (D-IL), chairman and ranking member of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure's Subcommittee on Aviation, respectively, have drafted a letter to President Barack Obama opposing aviation user fees before the release of his federal budget recommendations. The President's Fiscal Year 2012 (FY12) budget proposal is expected to be released the first week in February.

Why It's Important

In 2009, 118 Members of the House sent a similar letter to President Obama requesting that aviation user fees not be a part of the FY11 budget. Based on the efforts of aviation industry groups and opposition from Members of Congress, user fees were not included in the budget. It is imperative that NATA members reach out to their respective Members of Congress and request that they sign Reps. Petri's and Costello's letter immediately.

What to Do

[Contact your Member of Congress by visiting NATA's Legislative Action Center.](#) NATA's Legislative Action Center provides association members with a quick and easy way to email letters directly to their Members of Congress. [To view the sample letter asking your Member of Congress to sign the letter opposing aviation user fees, please click here.](#)

NATA Position

NATA remains steadfastly opposed to aviation user fees and additional funding mechanisms from President Obama, his administration, ands Members of Congress. Fortunately for the industry, we have a group of senior members leading the aviation subcommittee who are vigilant in their opposition to aviation user fees.

Status

Representatives Petri and Costello would like to finalize the letter to President Obama no later than Monday, January 17, 2011. **Ask your Member of Congress to sign the letter today!**

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