

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

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The Honorable John L. Mica  
Chairman  
Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2165 Rayburn House Office Building  
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The Honorable Nick J. Rahall, II  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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Dear Chairman Mica and Ranking Member Rahall:

As representatives of Ohio, we respectfully urge you and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure to undertake passage of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Reauthorization Act as soon as possible in this new year.

Ohio's aviation industry is deeply appreciative of your strong leadership and past support, and we are grateful for your commitment to have the FAA bill as one of the first priorities of the new committee. We agree that a safe, sustainable and profitable aviation system is critical, and these attributes are predicated on passage of this legislation.

As you know so well, the global economy of the 21st century demands a vibrant civil aviation system. Aviation contributes over \$1.2 trillion in economic activity and provides 11 million jobs annually in the United States. Clearly, our national air transportation system is foundational for the future growth of our economy. However, this economic growth and our industry-leading role are at risk without a comprehensive, long-term reauthorization of the FAA. If we are to expedite modernization and expansion of our national air transportation system, we must act immediately.

Today, Ohio stands at the door step of opportunity and growth because of the many thousands of aviation-related businesses, small and large, that call Ohio home. Composed of airports, aircraft parts manufacturers, suppliers, general and business aviation service providers, Ohio's aviation industry is significant and stands ready to assist in strengthening our economy, and we stand ready to assist the committee to ensure that the aviation industry that this country founded remains the world's finest today and tomorrow.

Thank you for your consideration of our views. We look forward to working with you to complete the FAA Reauthorization process and seeing the passage of this critical legislation.

Sincerely,



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