

URGE YOUR MEMBER OF CONGRESS TO JOIN THE GENERAL AVIATION CAUCUS

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What's at Issue

U.S. Representatives Sam Graves (R-MO) and John Barrow (D-GA) have re-established a General Aviation Caucus in the U.S. House of Representatives that is open to all members of the U.S. House of Representatives despite party affiliation and committee assignments. In the previous Congress, the caucus had over 135 members. It is the goal of Reps. Graves and Barrow, the caucus co-chairmen, along with general aviation industry groups including the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, Experimental Aircraft Association, General Aviation Manufacturers Association, National Air Transportation Association, National Business Aviation Association, Alliance for Aviation Across America, Air Care Alliance, Commemorative Air Force, Recreational Aviation Foundation, Antique Aircraft Association, and International Council of Air Shows, to ensure that the caucus has a large membership to draw upon to highlight important issues facing the general aviation industry.

Why It's Important

The purpose of a congressional caucus is to bring Members of Congress and their staff together in support of general aviation by holding regular meetings on issues affecting the industry. Regular briefings will be held on issues such as legislation to reauthorize the Federal Aviation Administration, the Large Aircraft Security Program, and aviation security, among other issues.

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 a sample letter asking your Member of Congress to join the caucus, please click here.](#)

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NATA Position

NATA is pleased with participation from both Republican and Democratic Members of the U.S. House of Representatives. However, a larger caucus will enable NATA and its members to reach a larger audience to inform and educate caucus members and staff on important issues facing our industry.

Status

On February 15, 2011, the House General Aviation Caucus will host an evening reception from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at 1300 Longworth to kick-off the caucus for the year. All Members of Congress and staff are welcome to attend.

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