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August 22, 2018

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader, U.S. Senate
S-230, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Minority Leader, U.S. Senate
S-221, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senators McConnell and Schumer:

Oops. We were wrong, so please disregard our letter dated August 15, 2018.

We now write to apologize for the unnecessary noise and air pollutant burdens we place upon airport communities, and therefore we urge the Senate (as well as the House) to immediately scrap the current legislation for reauthorization of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). The current authority for FAA activities was extended in March of this year but will expire on September 30.

As evidenced by the Congressional track record, it is obviously *NOT* essential that the FAA is provided long-term authorization for its activities and programs. Although we like to claim that the U.S. aviation sector supports nearly 11 million jobs and contributes \$1.6 trillion in economic activity, the reality is we would do this with or without FAA. Frankly, we do not need anything from FAA, except 'captured regulatory cover' to protect us from rude people who insist that sleep, quiet, local control and unpolluted air are a good idea. Our aerospace industry has proven this is all false; just spend a few hours on one of our flights, and you will agree.

As you know, short-term reauthorization extensions work wonderfully. They create spectacular opportunities that benefit both industry players and you elected officials. We get more time to lobby, and you all get to wheel-and-deal with more added pork earmarks. Collaboration is so great; don't you just love how we do this together? Plus, with ample support from the mainstream media, we dupe the larger public into a frenzied sense of urgency, so that we can all get away with passing the crazy shit we lobby for. This is how we trashed decades worth of local impact mitigation procedures and implemented the NextGen debacle, right?

By the way, it has rarely happened that any of the 11 million people who work to make aviation fly lose their cool or express any misgivings about their low-wage jobs. In fact, we cannot think of any examples. And, as we all know, whistleblowers are easily removed, so nobody complains.

Anyway, while there may be some bipartisan support for rushing to move the FAA bill forward now, let's be clear: that support rests with those Congressional critters who are hyper-focused on the gravy train of reelection money we gladly pay out each year. But, this is wrong, a horrible disservice to the general public and a bastardization of the democratic process. Therefore, we ask that you pass a short-term extension and go back to the drawing board; create legislation that serves everyone (not just our greedy asses) with real environmental controls, restored local control, and regulatory reform. We are eager to assist you in securing a complete redraft of this important legislation and we appreciate your leadership.

Sincerely,

- Aerospace Industries Association*
- Aeronautical Repair Station Association*
- Air Line Pilots Association*
- Air Medical Operators Association*
- Air Traffic Control Association*
- Aircraft Electronics Association*
- Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association*
- Airlines for America*

NOTE: the modified text within this letter was drafted by aviation impact activists, to reflect the growing concerns of citizens across the nation.



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National Air Carrier Association
National Air Traffic Controllers Association
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National Air Transportation Association
National Business Aviation Association
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Small UAV Coalition
Travelers United
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