



Sept. 29, 2025

The Honorable John Thune  
Majority Leader  
U.S. Senate  
S-511 - The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Chuck Schumer  
Minority Leader  
U.S. Senate  
322 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mike Johnson  
Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives  
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Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries  
Minority Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2267 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Leader Thune, Leader Schumer, Speaker Johnson, and Leader Jeffries,

ATCA proudly represents the U.S. companies that design, develop, and maintain the world's most complex air traffic management system. As a member of the Modern Skies Coalition, we are committed to rapid modernization of America's airspace. A government shutdown would immediately disrupt this essential work and the strong momentum we've built through successful government-industry collaboration.

The operational impact would be significant. Many safety-critical projects and programs, including training for air traffic controllers, would stop. The Department of Transportation and Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Brand New Air Traffic Control System (BNATCS) implementation may face delays. Many contracts supporting 100 companies would freeze, leaving thousands of aviation professionals without paychecks and creating financial hardship for their families.

Stable funding is essential for aviation safety. Our National Airspace System (NAS) is comprised of multi-layered safety controls with resource margins to assure the flying public is protected from harm. Your leadership is vital to sustain those margins. The NAS depends on consistent support for air traffic controllers, technicians, and aviation professionals who maintain the world's safest airspace. Predictable funding, training, and equipment maintenance and upgrades are necessary to retain those safety margins as traffic demand increases across the NAS.

We are simultaneously building tomorrow's system while maintaining today's operations – modernizing the most efficient airspace system in the world while ensuring uninterrupted service. Government shutdowns make this dual responsibility impossible to fulfill effectively.

**We support H.R. 5451, the Aviation Funding Stability Act**, which would maintain FAA operations using the Airport & Airway Trust Fund during appropriations lapses.

We urge you to prevent a government shutdown and protect the aviation infrastructure that supports our economy and traveling public. The industry stands ready to continue our vital partnership in modernizing America's airspace system.

Thank you for your leadership on this critical issue.

Stephen Creamer  
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