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Dear Majority Leader Schumer, Minority Leader McConnell, Chair Cantwell, and Ranking Member Cruz:

We are grateful for the work in pursuit of a long-term, bipartisan and commonsense FAA reauthorization bill. As stakeholders across the entire aviation sector, we urge you to markup S.1939, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2023 in the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation as soon as possible. Aviation safety, industry jobs, and economic growth are at stake. The U.S. aviation sector is responsible for approximately 5% of the U.S. gross domestic product and over 10 million jobs.

The second FAA extension expires on March 8, 2024, and aviation workers, the industry, and passengers need a long-term reauthorization bill now. Our air transportation system is complex and we need to ensure that our airspace continues to be the safest aviation system in the world. To maintain this global gold standard in safety, the FAA must have the stability and direction provided for by a multi-year reauthorization bill.

If the FAA is not promptly reauthorized, the national airspace system will not have the proper staffing and infrastructure to keep aviation moving. Today's service disruptions and capacity reductions will be further exacerbated. We simply can't afford our national air system to continue to be stretched so thin. With passage of this bill, we can move forward on safety, not backward.

That is why it's critical that the Commerce Committee advances the bill so that the House and Senate will have time to complete their work before the March 8 deadline. Additional extensions create further delays in the system. We need a long-term authorization to provide the stability, investment, and planning for aviation to meet its mission of safe and efficient transportation.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue, and we look forward to working with you to pass a long-term FAA reauthorization bill.

Sincerely,

Aeronautical Repair Station Association
Aerospace Industries Association
Air Line Pilots Association
Air Traffic Control Association
Aircraft Electronics Association
Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association
Airports Council International - North America
American Association of Airport Executives
Association of Flight Attendants-CWA
Association of Professional Flight Attendants
Association of Uncrewed Vehicle Systems International
Experimental Aircraft Association
General Aviation Manufacturers Association
Helicopter Association International
International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers
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National Business Aviation Association
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