

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Eugene Louis Dodaro
Comptroller General of the United States
Government Accountability Office
441 G St., NW
Washington, DC 20548

Dear Comptroller General Dodaro,

We write to offer our full support for the current Government Accountability Office (GAO) investigation into Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) oversight of pricing and transparency at certain fixed based operations (FBOs) located at public-use airports across the country. We understand this GAO review is being undertaken at the request of several Members of Congress. We would like to join in this request. Further, as frequent users of our nation's general aviation airports, you have our support for conducting a thorough and complete review of these issues.

At a minimum, we believe all FBO fees should be transparent and easily accessible online for pilots. Additionally, the FAA should require airports to include, if applicable, available transient ramp space on their airport charting diagrams. And finally, pilots should not be charged by airports or FBOs for services they did not request or use.

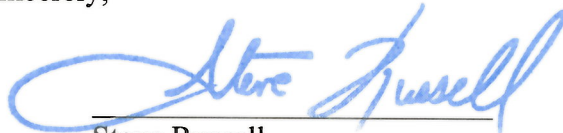
We also are concerned that at many public use airports, airports having only one FBO have leased out all or substantially all of the ramp space for parking General Aviation aircraft and the FBO is extracting fees and charges from pilots far in excess of the costs of the public use ramp. The FAA Airports office is responsible for exercising oversight of the AIP grant program at public use airports, but it appears to us there may be significant and serious lapses in the attention this FAA Office is giving to the General Aviation users of these public use airports. We would appreciate GAO's assessment of the quality of FAA's oversight and request that you provide specific recommendations on how that oversight can be improved.

Many businesses and constituents in both of our districts rely on general aviation and the GAO's in-depth review is important to ensure that users of the system are treated fairly and reasonably. We respectfully request that you provide us with an update regarding this review at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,



Ralph Abraham, M.D.
Member of Congress



Steve Russell
Member of Congress