



October 10, 2018

Mr. Daniel K. Elwell, Acting Administrator
Federal Aviation Administration
800 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20591

Dear Acting Administrator Elwell,

As representatives of hundreds of thousands of general aviation pilots, businesses, employees, manufacturers, and Fixed Based Operators, we are writing to urge the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to require standardized labeling and disclosure of all ramp areas at public-use airports, including non-FBO transient parking ramps and helipads for airplanes and helicopters and to require appropriate airport signage to these ramp areas. In addition, we believe updates to airport charting diagrams that reflect these changes should also be implemented.

We believe it will be very helpful to pilots to ensure that transient parking ramps are outlined on the Airport Diagram and have consistency with respect to standardized parking definitions and airport signage informing pilots of where these transient ramps are located.

As you know, industry recommendations to the FAA that were accepted at the April 2018 Aeronautical Charting Forum defined several commonly used terms for General Aviation aircraft parking. We believe the FAA must label Airport Diagrams consistent with those terms, which include alternative access ramps, fixed-based operator ramps, and general aviation ramps. Adopting these industry accepted terms is important to the consistent interpretation of their meaning among pilots and airport sponsors and will improve the transparency of services available at airports.

In addition, we are requesting the FAA publish these new parking terms in the Pilot/Controller Glossary to educate pilots, in applicable airport Advisory Circulars to inform airport sponsors, and to update the FAA's charting specifications so cartographers have guidance. Requiring these terms to be utilized will further our shared goal of transparency of airport services, airport signage, and access to parking ramps paid for with public funds.

We appreciate your support for this request and look forward to working with you on this and other important matters facing the General Aviation industry.

Sincerely,

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President and CEO
Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association

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President and CEO
National Business Aviation Association

President and CEO
General Aviation Manufacturers Association

President and CEO
Experimental Aircraft Association

President and CEO
Helicopter Association International