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Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
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Washington, DC 20590

Lloyd J. Austin III
Secretary of Defense
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Dear Secretaries Buttigieg and Austin,

We respectfully request the Federal Aviation Administration and the Department of Defense bring aviation industry representatives into the planning and implementation discussions to carry out Section 1085 of the FY2021 National Defense Authorization Act, PL116-283, which became law on January 1, 2021.

As you know, Section 1085 requires the deployment, within 180-days of enactment, of automated public dissemination of real-time status of Military Operations Areas (MOAs) and Special Use Airspace (SUAs).

The expertise of representatives from the aviation industry will help expedite the technical aspects and deployment of this information directly into the flight deck, which is the intent of the provision.

Moreover, a MITRE Corporation study suggests that implementing such a system could save \$100 million annually in fuel burn, resulting in not only significant financial savings for airline, military, and general aviation operations, but would also help our environment by considerably reducing carbon emissions.

We welcome the deployment of such a system as it will be a positive development for civilian and military aviation operations, our environment, and will not negatively impact our nation's war fighter training tempo.

Your positive and timely consideration of our request is sincerely appreciated.

Sincerely,

Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association
Airlines For America
Cargo Airline Association
Experimental Aircraft Association
ForeFlight
Garmin
General Aviation Manufacturers Association
Helicopter Association International
National Air Transport Association
National Business Aviation Association