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The Honorable Sam Graves
United States House of Representatives
2164 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ranking Member Graves,

We write today to express our strong support for the Certainty for General Aviation Pilots Act of 2021 and appreciate your leadership in introducing this legislation.

As you know, this bill seeks to address an important safety issue by eliminating ambiguity within the regulatory framework of compensation for flight instruction and flight training. Flight instruction is required for safety reasons, for pilots who want to fly with greater proficiency and skill, and also for regulatory compliance. For these purposes, flight instruction is not and should not be construed as commercial transportation nor carrying passengers or property for compensation or hire. Maintaining

pathways for pilots to obtain flight instruction, and for instructors to provide it, is a cornerstone of aviation safety.

The legislation also ensures experimental aircraft builders can continue to use an additional pilot to enhance safety during Phase I flight testing when an experimental aircraft's flight characteristics are being tested for the first time.

The Certainty for General Aviation Pilots Act will ensure that flight instructors and pilots can continue to teach, train, and help maintain the safest aviation system in the world.

Sincerely,



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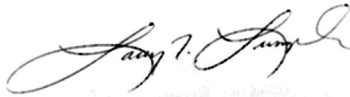
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