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The Honorable Peter DeFazio United States House of Representatives 2134 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Sam Graves United States House of Representatives 1135 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives DeFazio and Graves:

As representatives of hundreds of thousands of individuals, companies, schools, and other entities involved in all segments of aviation and aerospace, we are writing to express our strong support for your legislation that would create a National Center for the Advancement of Aviation (NCAA).

We strongly support the creation of a national, independent forum to facilitate collaboration and cooperation between all sectors of aviation and aerospace stakeholders and related partners to coordinate, promote, and support the future of aviation. In particular, we value the National Center's focus on four key areas: aviation and aerospace STEM curriculum; workforce development, economic and safety data and research sharing, and being a forum for cross-disciplinary collaboration.

The NCAA created by your legislation would ensure that the United States remains a global aviation and aerospace leader in a number of ways. First, it would support education efforts and provide resources to curriculum developers so educators at all levels have the tools and training educate the next generation of aviation professionals. Second, it would serve as a collaborative forum to leverage and share expertise amongst all industry sectors, including empowering the dissemination of existing high school education curriculum in aviation and aerospace programs. Third, it would be a central repository for economic and safety data research and analysis that will enable a collaborative industry to foresee issues and respond proactively. Finally, it would support symposiums and conferences to facilitate cross-disciplinary collaboration across aviation and aerospace communities.

We greatly appreciate your leadership in introducing this important and much needed legislation. It will ensure a collaborative process to promote our industry and to assist in the development of the next generation of aviation and aerospace workers. Together, with the NCAA, we can meet the challenges of today and those in the future.

## Sincerely,

AAR Corp
ACI Jet
Aeronautical Repair Station
Association
Aerospace Center of Excellence
Aerospace Industries Association
Aerospace Maintenance Council
Air Care Alliance
Air Line Pilots Association,
International
Air Medical Operators Association

Air Wisconsin Airlines
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Aircraft Electronics Association
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Aircraft Owners and Pilots
Association
Airlines for America
Alabama General Aviation
Alliance
Alaska Airlines

Alaska Airmen Association
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Foundation
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Alliance for Aviation Across
America
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American Airlines
American Bonanza Society
American Yankee Association
Arizona Airports Association

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**Endeavor Air** Lancair Owners and Builders North American Trainer **Envoy Air** Organization Association Lewis University Airport Ohio Regional Business Aviation EVAC, the Emergency Volunteers LIFT Academy Air Corps Association Long Island Business Aviation **Experimental Aircraft Association** Oklahoma Aeronautics **ExpressJet Airlines** Association Commission **FAST** Los Alamos Airport Oklahoma Airport Operators

Association

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Oregon Pilots Association

Organization of Black Aerospace

**Professionals** 

Palo Alto Airport Association

Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum

Pearl River Community College

Pennsylvania Drone Association

Petaluma Area Pilots Association

Piedmont Airlines

Piper Flyer Association

Plane and Pilot News

**Professional Aviation Maintenance** 

Association

**PSA** Airlines

Pure White Smoke Oil, Inc.

Recreational Aviation Foundation

**Redlands Airport Association** 

Red Star Pilots Association

Regional Air Cargo Carriers

Association

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Republic Airways

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Scottsdale Flying Club

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South Carolina Aviation

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Association

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