

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

March 30, 2020

The Honorable Susan Collins
Chairman
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing, and
and Urban Development and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Jack Reed
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing,
Urban Development and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
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Dear Chairman Collins and Ranking Member Reed,

As you consider the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, we urge you to include full and dedicated funding for two aviation workforce development programs authorized in the *FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018* (P.L. 115-254) as part of the FY 2021 budget for the Department of Transportation.

The United States aviation and aerospace industry supports nearly 11 million jobs and generates \$1.6 trillion in annual economic activity. The industry is driven by commercial and recreational pilot activity and a vast array of businesses engaged in aviation manufacturing, maintenance, repair, overhaul, painting, and other services. Today, the aviation industry faces a dire shortage of trained pilots, aviation technicians and other professionals necessary to fly, maintain, and repair commercial, recreational and military aircraft. These shortages come at a time when demand for new pilots and mechanics is rising due to increased consumer demand for air travel, new aircraft are entering the global fleet, and the current aviation workforce reaches retirement age.

Section 625 of the *FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018* authorized two aviation workforce development programs to facilitate the development of the next generation aircraft pilot and aviation maintenance workforce. These programs will promote public-private sector collaboration between businesses, labor organizations, schools, and governmental entities to work together to pursue innovative strategies to give young people an accessible career path in aviation as a pilot or professional technician. These programs will ensure stakeholders are actively engaged in designing, implementing, and sharing the curriculum necessary to develop a 21st Century aviation workforce capable of building, flying, and maintaining all aircraft that fly in the National Airspace. Finally, these programs will empower communities to engage directly in workforce development efforts, encouraging local investment and job growth.

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Sincerely,

James M. Inhofe
United States Senator

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United States Senator

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United States Senator

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Transportation Housing and Urban Development Group Letter Table
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ID	Sub	Request Project Location	Request Project Name	Request (\$000)
24017	THUD Group	[Title I]/[Department of Transportation (DOT)]/[General Provisions] [Member Staff] - Dan Hillenbrand dan_hillenbrand@inhofe.senate.gov 202-224-2302	Aviation Workforce Development	\$10,000

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Project Location:	[Title I]/[Department of Transportation (DOT)]/[General Provisions]	Project Name:	Aviation Workforce Development
Member/s:	Inhofe, James(R-OK); Baldwin, Tammy(D-WI); Bennet, Michael(D-CO); Blumenthal, Richard(D-CT); Brown, Sherrod(D-OH); Cantwell, Maria(D-WA); Cassidy, Bill(R-LA); Cortez Masto, Catherine(D-NV); Cramer, Kevin(R-ND); Duckworth, Tammy(D-IL); Durbin, Richard(D-IL); Hassan, Margaret Wood(D-NH); Hoeven, John(R-ND); Kaine, Tim(D-VA); King, Angus(I-ME); Klobuchar, Amy(D-MN); Markey, Edward(D-MA); McSally, Martha(R-AZ); Peters, Gary(D-MI); Rosen, Jacky(D-NV); Shaheen, Jeanne(D-NH); Sinema, Kyrsten(D-AZ); Stabenow, Debbie(D-MI); Sullivan, Dan(R-AK); Tester, Jon(D-MT); Udall, Tom(D-NM); Van Hollen, Chris(D-MD); Wyden, Ron(D-OR)	Subcommittee:	THUD
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Justification:	<p>The United States aviation and aerospace industry supports nearly 11 million jobs and generates \$1.6 trillion in annual economic activity. The industry is driven by commercial and recreational pilot activity and a vast array of businesses engaged in aviation manufacturing, maintenance, repair, overhaul, painting, and other services. Today, the aviation industry faces a dire shortage of trained pilots, aviation technicians and other professionals necessary to fly, maintain, and repair commercial, recreational and military aircraft. These shortages come at a time when demand for new pilots and mechanics is rising due to increased consumer demand for air travel, new aircraft are entering the global fleet, and the current aviation workforce reaches retirement age.</p> <p>Section 625 of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 authorized two aviation workforce development programs to facilitate the development of the next generation aircraft pilot and aviation maintenance workforce. These programs will promote public-private sector collaboration between businesses, labor organizations, schools, and governmental entities to work together to pursue innovative strategies to give young people an accessible career path in aviation as a pilot or professional technician. These programs will ensure stakeholders are actively engaged in designing, implementing, and sharing the curriculum necessary to develop a 21st Century aviation workforce capable of building, flying, and maintaining all aircraft that fly in the National Airspace. Finally, these programs will empower communities to engage directly in workforce development efforts, encouraging local investment and job growth.</p>		
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