



® **RED-TAILED HAWKS FLYING CLUB**
Black Pilots of America, Inc.

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Honorable Maria Cantwell
United States Senate, Washington

Subject: FAA Reauthorization Support

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Senator Cantwell,

The Red-Tailed Hawks Chapter, Black Pilots of America, Inc.(BPA) is forever grateful for the FAA Pilot Workforce Development Award (WDA). I understand you were a driving force behind securing this funding through the FAA Reauthorization Bill in 2018. Thank you!

The Red-Tailed Hawks Flying Club (RTH) has the mission to introducing underserved and underrepresented to the world of aviation, engage their minds in practical applications of STEM, ground them in history, inspire them towards aerospace career paths and help them learn to fly. The FAA Pilot WDA well help RTH accomplish our mission for twelve months and fuel our vision of Legacy Lift, Further Thrust... for years to come by reinforcing our sustainability.

The FAA Pilot WDA will fund increased capacity of Red-Tailed Hawks Flight Lessons for Youth (FLY), underwrite the BPA “Les Morris” Summer Flight Academy, and grow our year-round RTH Youth Program. It will also fund our scholarship programs, provide stipends for the development of new curriculum, expand our website capabilities and improve our collaborative tools.

RTH and sub-award partner the Red-Tailed Hawks Aviation Academy, Inc. encourage you to continue to secure funds to shore up the aviation industry and provide better access for the next generation of aviation workers. When you remove the barrier of funding, you open up possibilities for those that are systematically not included.

Fly Hawks!

Jesse IV

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President