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Hon. Maria Cantwell
Chair
Committee on Commerce, Science, and
Transportation
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC, 20510

Hon. Ted Cruz
Ranking Member
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The Honorable Sam Graves
Chairman
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U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rick Larsen
Ranking Member
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Dear Chair Cantwell, Chair Graves, Ranking Member Cruz, and Ranking Member Larsen:

As representatives of the business aviation sector, we recognize the vital role that general aviation plays in driving economic growth, facilitating commerce, and providing essential transportation services. Business aviation serves as a critical tool for companies of all sizes, enabling us to be more competitive by reaching more markets, meeting with suppliers and clients, and supporting operations efficiently and effectively. General aviation bolsters our national economy with 1.2 million American jobs and \$247 billion in economic output.

As such, we are writing to express our strong support for the bipartisan, bicameral, compromise Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to, H.R. 3935, the Securing Growth and Robust Leadership in American Aviation Act, that will reauthorize the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and aviation safety and infrastructure programs for the next five years. We applaud your recognition of the importance of general aviation to the industry with the first-ever General Aviation title and your efforts to strengthen the FAA to ensure America maintains its status as the "Gold Standard" in aviation worldwide. We urge you to oppose non-germane amendments and swiftly pass this important legislation before the current authorization expires on May 10, 2024.

The bipartisan, bicameral compromise strengthens the safety, efficiency, and accessibility of general aviation. We appreciate the provisions that prioritize safety, streamline regulations, and improve certification processes for general aviation aircraft, including advanced air mobility. These measures will not only ensure the continued safe operation of general aviation but also promote innovation and technological advancement within the industry.

Additionally, we are grateful for your unwavering support for general aviation airports. These airports are essential for business aviation operations, providing critical access to local communities, enabling efficient travel, and fostering economic development. Your commitment to investing in airport infrastructure ensures that business aviation can continue to play a vital role in connecting businesses and supporting regional economies.

We also commend your focus on research and development initiatives within the aviation industry, particularly in sustainable fuels and technologies. By promoting and incentivizing the adoption of environmentally friendly practices, the bipartisan, bicameral compromise aligns with the business aviation sector's commitment to reducing emissions and mitigating our environmental impact.

The bipartisan, bicameral, compromise Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to, H.R. 3935 makes smart, strategic governance, procedure and policy changes at the FAA that will help improve the rulemaking process, modernize the agency's approach to pilot mental health and upgrade internal processes to increase efficiency and improve interaction with pilots and operators.

Lastly, we appreciate the focus on strengthening and diversifying the aviation workforce, which is critical to our nation's economic success. The proposals within this bill address industry workforce challenges by removing barriers to pursuing aviation careers, expanding the aviation workforce pipeline and improving training standards.

We encourage Members of the House and Senate to support the bipartisan, bicameral, compromise Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to H.R. 3935, oppose non-germane amendments, and support swift passage of this critical legislation to enable general aviation to thrive, drive economic prosperity, and meet the evolving needs of businesses across the nation to ensure America remains the global leader in aviation.