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Congress Commended for Passing FAA Reauthorization Bill *Legislation includes key priorities for vertical aviation industry.*

Alexandria, VA (May 15, 2024) – Vertical Aviation International (VAI), formerly Helicopter Association International, applauds Congress for passing a bipartisan, five-year FAA reauthorization bill. This milestone marks a significant step forward in strengthening safety, enhancing infrastructure, and addressing many issues facing vertical flight and the entire aviation sector.

“We commend Congress for passing an FAA reauthorization bill that represents a substantial investment in the future of aviation,” says James Viola, VAI president and CEO. “This legislation strengthens safety and paves the way for new airframes and technologies to reach the flight line while promoting economic growth and job creation.”

VAI collaborated extensively with legislators to ensure that the bill includes measures to effectively tackle the shortage of pilots and maintenance technicians, streamline regulatory processes to facilitate the advancement of advanced air mobility (AAM), and implement policies to support and promote vertical aviation. Overall, these initiatives will strengthen our industry and foster innovation and efficiency.

VAI thanks the bipartisan leadership in both the House and Senate for completing the bill, including Senate Commerce Chair Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.), Ranking Member Ted Cruz (R-Tex.), Subcommittee Chair Tammy Duckworth (D-Ill.), and Subcommittee Ranking Member Jerry Moran (R-Kans.). Additionally, VAI acknowledges House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chair Sam Graves (R-Mo.), Ranking Member Rick Larsen (D-Wash.), Subcommittee Chair Garret Graves (R-La.), Subcommittee Ranking Member Steve Cohen (D-Tenn.), and their staffs for their tireless work on behalf of the nation’s general aviation community.

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About Vertical Aviation International (VAI): Vertical Aviation International (VAI) is the world’s leading membership association dedicated to the vertical aviation industry, which encompasses all aircraft capable of vertical or short takeoff and landing. By fueling industry growth through connection, advocacy, safety, education, and support for its members’ success, VAI strives to leverage the power of vertical flight to strengthen communities worldwide. The association welcomes all facets of the vertical aviation industry, including manufacturers, operators, suppliers and vendors, pilots and maintenance technicians, and other aviation professionals. For more information about VAI, please visit rotor.org/newbrand.

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