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**Helicopter Association International Applauds Introduction of the
Advanced Aviation Infrastructure Modernization Act**

Alexandria, Va. (December 15, 2021) – Helicopter Association International (HAI) commends House Subcommittee on Aviation Chair Rick Larsen (D-WA-02) for introducing the Advanced Aviation Infrastructure Modernization (AAIM) Act. This bill establishes a pilot program to provide planning and construction grants for advanced air mobility (AAM) infrastructure.

HAI applauds Chair Larsen’s leadership in introducing the Advanced Aviation Infrastructure Modernization Act. AAM has the ability to expand the advantages and capabilities of vertical flight to a greater number of people and provide a great societal benefit. This bill helps the development and deployment of the needed infrastructure for access to this exciting new vertical flight technology. “HAI fully supports Chair Larsen’s efforts and encourages passage of this bill,” says James Viola, President and CEO of HAI.

The pilot program established in the AAIM Act will provide grants to allow eligible entities to plan for the development and implementation of infrastructure needed to support future AAM operations. Entities are required to submit a comprehensive plan regarding vertiport construction and design within one year of receiving a grant. The bill authorizes \$25 million for the pilot program over a period of two years, with each grant amount not to exceed \$1 million.

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