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Helicopter Association International Supports Introduction of the Advanced Air Mobility Coordination and Leadership Act

Alexandria, Va. (March 3, 2021) – Helicopter Association International supports Senator Jerry Moran's (R-Kans.) and Senator Kyrsten Sinema's (D-Ariz.) introduction of the Advanced Air Mobility Coordination and Leadership Act. The legislation will coordinate efforts related to the physical and digital security, safety, infrastructure, and federal investment necessary for maturation of the advanced air mobility (AAM) ecosystem in the United States.

"Senator Moran and Sinema's legislation takes a forward-thinking approach to intergovernmental coordination and industry collaboration on AAM policymaking. Establishing an AAM working group with a representative from each of the necessary federal agencies will not only facilitate a more-effective and comprehensive regulatory framework, but it will also help the AAM industry get off the ground sooner," says Jim Viola, HAI president and CEO. "We thank Senators Moran and Sinema for specifically calling out the need for industry coordination in his bill, as the path to success most certainly requires industry—government collaboration.

"The vertical flight industry has an invaluable societal benefit that AAM aircraft will only amplify once the necessary regulatory framework is implemented. HAI commends Senators Moran and Sinema for introducing legislation that provides the tools for collaborative efforts by the appropriate stakeholders to create the safest, most secure direction for the AAM industry," Viola adds.

The Advanced Air Mobility Coordination and Leadership Act establishes an AAM interagency working group that coordinates with industry professionals to develop recommendations that support the evolution of AAM technologies. These recommendations will provide a framework to bring early AAM to higher levels of activity and societal benefit. The working group would also develop a comprehensive plan detailing the roles and responsibilities of each federal department and agency for implementing each entity's recommendations.

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