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Rep. Sam Graves to Remain Chair of US House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee

VAI applauds Graves's leadership and commitment to aviation.

Alexandria, VA (December 13, 2024) – It was announced yesterday that Rep. Sam Graves (R-Mo.-6) has retained his chairmanship of the US House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. In recognition of his outstanding service, Graves received a waiver from the GOP leadership to continue in that role despite applicable term limits.

VAI salutes this action and looks forward to working with Chairman Graves on navigating the many aviation issues that need to be addressed if the United States is to retain its role as a global leader in general aviation.

“Chairman Graves’s steadfast leadership and dedication to advancing critical aviation initiatives will be pivotal in the coming years,” says James Viola, VAI president and CEO. “The chairman was instrumental to the success of the 2024 FAA reauthorization bill, which included a number of important priorities for the vertical aviation industry. We are grateful for his continuing steady leadership of the committee as it conducts oversight of the implementation of that legislation. As a pilot himself, Sam understands the value of a vibrant general aviation sector. We look forward to continuing our collaboration with him and other legislators who are working to address the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.”

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