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## **VAI Welcomes Sean Duffy as Secretary of Transportation**

Association Looks Forward to Collaborating on Aviation Innovation and Safety

Alexandria, VA (Jan. 28, 2025) – Vertical Aviation International (VAI) offers this statement on the recent confirmation of Sean Duffy, former member of the US House of Representatives, as the US Secretary of Transportation.

"The members and staff of Vertical Aviation International (VAI) extend our congratulations to Sean Duffy on his confirmation as Secretary of the Department of Transportation. With his exceptional record of service and leadership, Secretary Duffy is uniquely qualified to champion the technical advancements, regulatory changes, and safety initiatives critical to ensuring the future of the US aviation industry.

As we continue to navigate the fast-evolving landscape of aviation, his leadership will be instrumental in promoting innovation and efficiency within our skies. We are eager to collaborate with Secretary Duffy to enhance our nation's vertical aviation industry and infrastructure, ensuring they remain at the global forefront of technology and safety."

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