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## PRESS RELEASE

### **VAI Extends Condolences on Reagan National Midair Collision**

*Association offers heartfelt sympathy to all those affected.*

Alexandria, VA (Jan. 30, 2025) -- Vertical Aviation International (VAI) president and CEO James Viola issues the following statement:

“On behalf of Vertical Aviation International, I express our deepest condolences to the families and loved ones affected by the tragic collision involving a passenger jet and a military Black Hawk helicopter near the Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (KDCA) last evening. We stand with the emergency responders and all involved in the ongoing efforts. As we await further details, please know that the vertical aviation community is with you in mourning during this incredibly difficult time.”

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**Vertical Aviation International (VAI)**, formerly Helicopter Association International (HAI), 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. Throughout its 76 years of fueling industry growth through connection, advocacy, safety, education, and support for its members’ success, VAI has leveraged 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: <https://verticalavi.org/>

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