



Modern Skies Coalition Applauds Senate Commerce Chairman Cruz's Investment in Air Traffic Control Modernization

WASHINGTON, June 6, 2025 – Today, a broad coalition of aviation stakeholders released the statement below supporting the Senate Commerce Committee's initiative to modernize the nation's air traffic control system.

"As stakeholders from across the aviation industry, the Modern Skies Coalition is united in sounding the alarm about the challenges created by aging technology and infrastructure, as well as the controller and technician staffing shortages. We appreciate the hard work of Chairman Cruz and the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science & Technology to address these decades-old issues by building on their work in the 2024 FAA Reauthorization law. The Committee's approach is a necessary down payment on achieving these benefits for the Americans who fly and ship goods every day. We look forward to working with policymakers to build on this legislation based on a more comprehensive proposal from the Administration to increase investments in these key areas and implement procurement reform for the FAA that ensures system performance and accountability.

"We look forward to working with the Senate, House, Administration and all policymakers to ensure this initial investment as well as other critical modernization and staffing initiatives are addressed and sent to the President for his signature."

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Air Line Pilots Association, International
Air Medical Operators Association
Airbus
Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association
Airlines for America
Airports Council International – North America
Allied Pilots Association
American Association of Airport Executives
American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics*

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Association of Flight Attendants-CWA
Association for Uncrewed Vehicle Systems International
Association of Professional Flight Attendants
Association of Value Airlines
Cargo Airline Association
Coalition of Airline Pilots Associations
Commercial Space Federation
Corporate Aircraft Association
Experimental Aircraft Association*

General Aviation Manufacturers Association
General Electric Aerospace
International Aircraft Dealers Association
International Air Transport Association
International Council of Air Shows
National Air Carrier Association
National Air Traffic Controllers Association
National Air Transportation Association
National Association of State Aviation
Officials
National Business Aviation Association
NetJets Association of Shared Aircraft Pilots
Regional Airline Association
RTCA
Southwest Airlines Pilots Association
The Boeing Company
Transport Workers Union of America, AFL-
CIO
Travelers United
United States Parachute Association
United States Tour Operators Association
U.S. Contract Tower Association
U.S. Travel Association
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