



### GENERAL AVIATION GROUPS UNITED IN OPPOSITION TO HR 2997

General Aviation is an important American industry that generates over \$219 billion in total economic output, supports 1.1 million jobs, and includes a network of thousands of airports and heliports that connect many rural communities to the rest of the world.

After a thorough and detailed review of Chairman Bill Shuster’s (R-PA) proposal, HR 2997, the AIRR Act of 2017, which would remove our nation’s air traffic control operations from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), we have concluded that these reforms will produce uncertainty and unintended consequences without achieving the desired outcomes.

While we enjoy the safest most efficient air traffic control system in the world, we also believe that reforms, short of privatization, can better address the FAA’s need to improve its ability to modernize our system.

We have concluded that any structural and governance reforms that require protections for an important sector of users is fundamentally flawed.

In addition, the billions of dollars and time that would be spent transitioning our nation’s air traffic control system to a not-for-profit entity can be better applied to the continuing progress to update and modernize our air traffic control system – including meeting the FAA’s mandate to equip the general aviation fleet with see-and-avoid (ADS-B) technology by 2020.

Moreover, with strong bipartisan opposition in both the House and Senate to remove air traffic control operations from the FAA, we believe efforts should focus on developing a long-term FAA Reauthorization that creates the stability and funding necessary and that can reach the President’s desk for signature.

We are committed to addressing needed reforms that create predictable and stable funding for the FAA including biennial budgeting, consolidating unneeded and outdated facilities, procurement, and certification reforms, and putting to use some of the balance from the Airways and Airport Trust Fund to expedite technology deployment. We are ready and willing to work with all industry stakeholders and Congress to advance the consensus needed to improve our current system and to ensure that our nation’s air traffic control system remains the envy of the world.





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 Arizona Business Aviation Association  
 Arizona Pilots Association  
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 Association of California Airports  
 Aviation Council of Pennsylvania  
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 California Pilots Association  
 Cardinal Flyers Online  
 Carolina Aviation Professionals Association  
 Centennial Airport (CO) Business Pilot's Alliance  
 Cessna Flyer Association  
 Cessna Pilots Association  
 Cessna Pilots Society  
 Chicago Area (IL) Business Aviation Association  
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 Long Island (NY) Business Aviation Association  
 Love Field (TX) Pilots Association  
 Maine Aeronautics Association  
 Massachusetts Airport Management Association  
 Massachusetts Business Aviation Association  
 Minnesota Business Aviation Association  
 Minnesota Pilots Association  
 Minnesota Seaplane Association  
 Montana Pilots Association  
 Mooney Summit  
 Morristown (NJ) Aviation Association  
 MU2 Aircraft Owners & Pilots Association  
 National Agricultural Aviation Association  
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 Nevada Business Aviation Association  
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 North Dakota Aviation Council  
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 North Texas Business Aviation Association  
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 San Antonio (TX) Area Business Aviation Alliance  
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 United States Paragliding Association  
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 Van Nuys (CA) Airport Association  
 Velocity Owners and Builders Association  
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 Washington Pilots Association  
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