



'Washington-Knows-Best' Approach to ATC Giveaway Is Wrong

We, nearly 200 organizations strong, representing more than one million jobs and hundreds of thousands of aviators, contributing over \$200 billion in annual economic activity, and are the life-blood of connectivity to communities in every state and congressional district across the country, today, join a coalition of mayors, small airports, conservative groups, unions, businesses, and hardworking Americans to again reiterate our continuing and strong opposition to HR 2997, which would hand over our nation's air traffic control (ATC) system to a board governed by special interests and unaccountable to Congress, hiding under the banner of so-called "privatization."

Concerns over this fatally flawed concept have been raised by more than 100 U.S. mayors, business leaders and pilot groups who use our ATC system, consumer and agricultural organizations, conservative and liberal think tanks, congressional leaders from both political parties and a majority of American citizens – constituents who have told their representatives in Congress time and again to represent their interests and not to side with airline lobbyists in Washington.

Among many of our concerns, the legislation would give a 13-Member Board of Directors unilateral power to set and collect revenues and direct those resources, leaving small and rural communities at risk.

Despite what proponents argue, this proposed Board would ultimately control access to airports and airspace with a cursory safety review by DOT. Today, we can go to our congressional representatives if we have issues with air traffic control. Under HR 2997, we must go to court to have our grievances addressed and without proper congressional oversight this entity will go unchecked.

We hope Members of Congress will ask themselves: why does the author of this legislation include so-called "protections" for General Aviation? No one from the General Aviation community ever asked for any protections because we have long stood against and battled the airlines who want to control our air traffic control system. These are the same folks who want to make your seat size smaller, the folks who cause half of the delays in the system and cannot use the new modern satellite-based ATC technologies that have been fully deployed because they don't want to spend the money to upgrade their aircraft, the same folks who make over \$7 billion dollars a year in baggage fees and other charges, maligned continuously for poor customer service, and many who have filed for bankruptcy at least once





Highly respected, non-partisan sources have also questioned this proposal. For example, a recent Government Accountability Office report concluded that privatizing ATC could delay air traffic control modernization. The non-partisan Congressional Budget Office found that H.R. 2997 would grow America's budget deficit by nearly \$100 billion and the non-partisan Congressional Research Service suggested the bill is unconstitutional.

We, those from outside of Washington, DC, urge the House of Representatives to strike Title II of HR 2997 and move a multi-year FAA Reauthorization bill that will ensure our aviation system remains the largest, safest, and most efficient in the world. Modernize Not Privatize!

- ABS Air Safety Foundation
- Addison (TX) Business Aviation Association
- Airborne Law Enforcement Association
- Air Care Alliance
- Aircraft Electronics Association
- Aircraft Kit Industry Association
- Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association
- Alabama Business Aviation Association
- Alaska Airmen Association
- American Helicopter Society International
- Antique Airplane Association
- Arizona Business Aviation Association
- Arizona Pilots Association
- Association of Air Medical Services
- Association of California Airports
- Aviation Council of Pennsylvania
- Association of Critical Care Transport
- Balloon Federation of America
- California Agricultural Aircraft Association
- 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
- Citation Jet Pilot Association
- Clark County Aviation Association
- Classic Jet Aircraft Association
- Colorado Aeronautical Board



Colorado Aviation Business Association

Colorado Pilots Association

Commemorative Air Force

Connecticut Business Aviation Group

Corporate Aircraft Association

Deer Valley Pilots Association

East Central Ohio Pilots Association

Eastern Region Helicopter Council

Emergency Volunteer Air Corps

Experimental Aircraft Association

Flight School Association of North America

Florida Aero Club

Florida Aviation Business Association

Flying Dentists Association

FNL Pilots Association

Friends of Meacham International Airport (TX) Association

General Aviation Council of Hawaii

General Aviation Manufacturers Association

Georgia Airports Association

Georgia Business Aviation Association

Glasair Aircraft Owners Association

Greater Houston (TX) Business Aviation Alliance

Greater St Louis (MO) Business Aviation Association

Greater Waco (TX) Aviation Alliance

Greater Washington Business Aviation Association (DC/VA/MD)

Helicopter Association International

Houston (TX) Regional Aviation Professionals

Idaho Aviation Association

Idaho Business Aviation Association

Illinois Pilots Association

Indiana Business Aviation Association

Indianapolis Aero Club

International Aerobatic Club

International Cessna 170 Association

International Council of Air Shows

International 180/185 Club

Iowa Public Airports Association

Kansas Association of Airports

Kansas City (MO) Business Aviation Association

Kansas Pilots

Kentucky Aviation Association

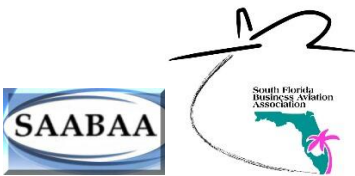
Kentucky Business Aviation Association

Lancair Owners and Builders Organization

Lawyer Pilots Bar Association

Light Aircraft Manufacturers Association

Long Beach (CA) Airport Association



Long Island (NY) Business Aviation Association
 Los Angeles Area Helicopter Operators Association
 Louisiana Airport Managers Association
 Love Field (TX) Pilots Association
 Maine Aeronautics Association
 Malibu/Mirage Owners & Pilots Association
 Massachusetts Airport Management Association
 Massachusetts Business Aviation Association
 Michigan Business Aviation Association
 Minnesota Aviation Trades Association
 Minnesota Business Aviation Association
 Minnesota Council of Airports
 Minnesota Pilots Association
 Minnesota Seaplane Association
 Montana Pilots Association
 Mooney Summit
 Morristown (NJ) Aviation Association
 MU2 Aircraft Owners & Pilots Association
 National Air Transportation Association
 National Association of State Aviation Officials
 National Business Aviation Association
 Nebraska Association of Airport Officials
 Nebraska Business Aviation Association
 Nevada Business Aviation Association
 New England Helicopter Council
 New Mexico Airport Managers Association
 New Mexico Pilots Association
 North Dakota Aviation Council
 North Dakota Business Aviation Association
 North Texas Business Aviation Association
 Northern California Business Aviation Association
 Ohio Regional Business Aviation Association
 Oklahoma Business Aviation Association
 Oregon Aviation Industries
 Oregon Pilots Association
 Pacific Northwest Business Aviation Association
 Partnership for Corporate Aviation Training (TX)
 Piper Flyer Association
 San Carlos Airports Association
 Southern California Aviation Association
 Southern Colorado Business Aviation Group
 South Florida Business Aviation Association
 Tampa Bay (FL) Aviation Association
 Recreational Aviation Foundation



San Antonio (TX) Area Business Aviation Alliance

Seaplane Pilots Association

Soaring Society of America

Sonix Builders & Pilots Foundation

South Carolina Aviation Association

South Dakota Pilots Association

Taylorcraft Owners Club

Tennessee Aviation Association

Tennessee Business Aviation Association

Teterboro (NJ) Users Group

Texans for General Aviation

Texas Corporate Aviation Schedulers and Dispatchers Group

The Twin Cessna Flyer

United States Hang Gliding & Paragliding Association

United States Parachute Association

United States Paragliding Association

Utah Business Aviation Association

Van Nuys (CA) Airport Association

Velocity Owners and Builders Association

Veterans Airlift Command

Vintage Aircraft Association

Virginia Aviation Business Association

Warbirds of America

Washington Airport Management Association

Washington Pilots Association

Washington Seaplane Pilots Association

Washington State Aviation Alliance

Washington State Community Airports Association

Westchester (NY) Aviation Association

West Virginia Airport Managers Association

Wichita (KS) Aero Club

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