



May 2, 2024

The Honorable Sam Graves, Chair
House Committee on Transportation
and Infrastructure
2165 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Maria Cantwell, Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce,
Science, and Transportation
254 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Rick Larsen, Ranking Member
House Committee on Transportation
and Infrastructure
2164 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Ted Cruz, Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Commerce,
Science, and Transportation
512 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chair Graves, Ranking Member Larsen, Chair Cantwell, and Ranking Member Cruz:

The Air Medical Operators Association (AMOA) commends your leadership in reaching agreement on the “FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024”. This robust, long-term reauthorization bill includes provisions that will significantly contribute to aviation safety and efficiency, as well as address emerging technologies and challenges.

AMOA is a diverse group of Part 135 certificate holders that provide air medical transportation for critically injured and ill patients. AMOA represents both helicopter and fixed wing operators, conducting over 90 percent of the air medical transports across the U.S. AMOA and its members are committed to continuously improving the safety of air medical transportation.

We appreciate the inclusion of Section 301 of the bill, which addresses helicopter air ambulance issues. In particular, AMOA supports the inclusion of Subsection 301(c), which maintains the public availability of essential safety data collected by air medical operators and reported to the FAA. AMOA strongly supports the FAA posting this data publicly as it provides a common and definitive baseline for gauging progress on safety and using this data for safety analysis.

AMOA appreciates that the final version of the legislation omits any provisions that would amend or otherwise alter the well-settled application of the Airline Deregulation Act’s (ADA) preemption provision to air medical services. Maintaining current law avoids the creation of a patchwork of inconsistent state and local aviation regulatory regimes. The ADA provides the essential regulatory framework that assures the seamless, safe, and efficient transportation of critically ill and injured patients across state lines.

Thank you again for your efforts towards enacting a long-term FAA reauthorization bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sally White".

Executive Director
Air Medical Operators Association