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Allied Pilots Association Urges “Timely Approval of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024”

FORT WORTH, Texas (May 2, 2024) – The Allied Pilots Association (APA), representing the 16,000 pilots of American Airlines, lauded Congress for its work on the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024 and urged the legislation’s prompt passage.

“Timely approval of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024 is in the best interests of the traveling public,” said APA President Capt. Ed Sicher. “The United States leads the world in commercial aviation. The U.S. market isn’t just the world’s largest — it’s also the world’s safest — and enacting this vitally important legislation will help ensure our nation’s airlines can continue meeting unprecedented demand while upholding the highest standards of safety.

“We also urge lawmakers to refrain from including any language that would raise the mandatory retirement age for pilots from 65 to 67,” he said. “Data supports maintaining mandatory retirement at age 65, consistent with International Civil Aviation Organization standards. The Department of Transportation and airline labor groups likewise support maintaining the current requirement.”

Founded in 1963, the Allied Pilots Association — the largest independent pilots union in the United States — is headquartered in Fort Worth, Texas. APA represents the 16,000 pilots of American Airlines, including several hundred pilots on full-time military leave of absence serving in the armed forces. The union’s website is AlliedPilots.org.