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**NO NATIONAL CONSENSUS ON  
AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL PRIVATIZATION**  
*Oppose H.R. 2997, the 21<sup>st</sup> Century AIRR Act*

Dear Colleague:

In her nomination hearing before the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation earlier this year, Secretary of Transportation Elaine Chao said that the privatization of our Nation's air traffic control (ATC) system is a "huge issue [that] needs national consensus" and that "there needs to be dialogue."

The verdict is now in: there is no national consensus on ATC privatization.

In fact, the number of opponents to privatization grows each day. The following list confirms that there is **robust and unified opposition to the highly controversial plan**, including from more than 100 general aviation and labor groups; dozens of organizations representing the interests of U.S. consumers and agricultural communities; U.S. businesses of all sizes; and more than 100 U.S. mayors representing all 50 states.

We have serious concerns with ATC privatization, and there is clear and strong opposition – both inside and outside of Congress – to this dangerous plan. We strongly urge you to join us in opposing H.R. 2997 (the "21<sup>st</sup> Century AIRR Act") and its attempt to privatize our ATC system.

For more information on ATC privatization, please contact Alex Burkett, Democratic Staff Director of the Subcommittee on Aviation, at [alex.burkett@mail.house.gov](mailto:alex.burkett@mail.house.gov) or ext. 5-9161.

Sincerely,

  
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# OPPONENTS OF AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL PRIVATIZATION

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## **Business Aviation**

National Business Aviation Association (NBAA)

## **General Aviation**

ABS Air Safety Foundation  
Academy of Model Aeronautics  
Addison (TX) Business Aviation Association  
Air Care Alliance  
Aircraft Electronics Association  
Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association  
Alabama Business Aviation Association  
Alaska Airmen Association  
Antique Airplane Association  
Arizona Business Aviation Association  
Arizona Pilots Association  
Association of Air Medical Services  
Association of California Airports  
Aviation Council of Pennsylvania  
Balloon Federation of America  
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 Aviation Business Association  
Colorado Pilots Association  
Commemorative Air Force  
Connecticut Business Aviation Group  
Eastern Region Helicopter Council  
Emergency Volunteer Air Corps  
Experimental Aircraft Association

Flight School Association of North America  
Florida Aviation Business Association  
Flying Dentists Association  
Friends of Meacham International Airport (TX) Association  
General Aviation Council of Hawaii  
General Aviation Manufacturers 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  
International Aerobatic Club  
International Council of Air Shows  
Kansas City (MO) Business Aviation Association  
Kansas Pilots  
Kentucky Aviation Association  
Lancair Owners and Builders Organization  
Light Aircraft Manufacturers Association  
Long Beach (CA) Airport Association  
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  
National Air Transportation Association  
National Association of State Aviation Officials  
Nebraska Business Aviation Association  
Nevada Business Aviation Association  
New England Helicopter Council  
New Mexico Pilots Association  
North Dakota Aviation Council  
North Dakota Business Aviation Association  
North Texas Business Aviation Association  
Ohio Regional Business Aviation Association  
Oklahoma Business Aviation Association  
Pacific Northwest Business Aviation Association  
Partnership for Corporate Aviation Training (TX)  
Piper Flyer Association  
Recreational Aviation Foundation  
San Antonio (TX) Area Business Aviation Alliance  
Seaplane Pilots Association  
Soaring Society of America  
Sonix Builders & Pilots Foundation  
South Dakota Pilots Association  
Southern California Aviation Association  
Southern Colorado Business Aviation Group

South Florida Business Aviation Association  
 Tampa Bay (FL) Aviation 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 Business Aviation Association  
 Warbirds of America  
 Washington Pilots Association  
 Westchester (NY) Aviation Association  
 Wichita (KS) Aero Club  
 Wisconsin Business Aviation Association

#### **Agricultural/Rural**

Agriculture Retailers Association  
 Alliance for Aviation Across America  
 Crop Life America  
 League of Rural Voters  
 National Agricultural Aviation Association  
 National Council of Agricultural Employers  
 National Farmers Union  
 National Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry  
 National Women in Agriculture Association  
 USA Rice Federation

#### **Labor**

Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU)  
 American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE)  
 American Federation of Musicians  
 American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees (AFSCME)  
 American Federation of Teachers  
 Department for Professional Employees, AFL-CIO  
 Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association  
 National Association of Government Employees (NAGE)  
 National Employment Law Project  
 National Federation of Federal Employees (NFFE)  
 National Hispanic Coalition of FAA Employees  
 National Weather Service Employees Organization  
 Office and Professional Employees International Union  
 Professional Air Traffic Controllers Organization, Inc. (PATCO)  
 Professional Association of Aeronautical Center Employees (PAACE)  
 Professional Aviation Safety Specialists, AFL-CIO (PASS)  
 Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union  
 Service Employees International Union (SEIU)  
 United Steelworkers (USW)  
 Utility Workers Union of America, AFL-CIO  
 Writers Guild of America, East

#### **Management**

FAA Managers Association

#### **Action/Consumer**

American Family Voices  
 Americans Against Air Traffic Privatization  
 Courage Campaign  
 Consumer Action  
 Daily Kos

Flyer's Rights  
 In the Public Interest  
 Jobs With Justice  
 N.O.I.S.E.  
 National Consumers League  
 People Demanding Action  
 Public Citizen  
 RootsAction.org

#### **U.S. Businesses**

More than 100 CEOs of various-sized businesses from across the United States, including:

Hewlett-Packard  
 Continental Resources, Inc.  
 Life Time Fitness  
 BISSELL Homecare, Inc.  
 Bass Pro Shops  
 Clif Bar & Company  
 WeatherTech  
 Preco Electronics  
 Sanderson Farms, Inc.  
 Go Wireless, Inc.

#### **NASCAR**

Hendrick Motorsports  
 Penske Racing South  
 Richard Childress Racing  
 Chip Ganassi Racing  
 Joe Gibbs Racing  
 Richard Petty Motorsports  
 JR Motorsports  
 Germain Racing  
 Leavine Family Racing  
 Circle Sport  
 BK Racing  
 National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing

#### **U.S. Mayors**

More than 115 mayors  
 Representing all 50 States

#### **Voters**

In a 2017 Global Strategy Group poll, 60% of voters opposed privatizing the ATC system