



April 26, 2018

**Vote Yes on H.R. 4 (FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018) and
Take Pro-Worker Votes on Amendments**

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America, AFL-CIO (TWU), we urge you to vote YES on H.R. 4, FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 as introduced. This bipartisan bill includes provisions that make improvements to safety and reject schemes that undermine worker rights. As this bill moves forward, we look forward to working with Chairman Shuster and Ranking Member DeFazio to protect and strengthen provisions that impact TWU's 65,000 aviation members.

As you review H.R. 4, FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018, we raise to your attention the following amendments and urge you to vote in the manner described below:

Vote YES #22 Rep. Keating (MA) – would direct the FAA to coordinate with government, educational institutions, businesses, and unions representing aviation maintenance workers to develop guidance or model curricula for aviation maintenance technician schools certified under 14 CFR Part 147. These schools provide training to students seeking airframe and powerplant mechanic certificates. Importantly, this amendment recognizes that frontline maintenance workers can provide valuable

contributions to efforts that will improve the aircraft maintenance industry. Vote YES on this amendment.

Vote YES #24 Rep. Crist (FL) – would direct the Government Accountability Office to study the effectiveness of Order 8000.373, Federal Aviation Administration Compliance Philosophy, including whether reports of safety incidents increased after the order and whether reduced enforcement penalties increased overall safety incidents. The shift from enforcement to compliance has relaxed the regulatory environment in the aircraft maintenance industry, which strains workers and undermines safety. Vote YES on this amendment.

Vote YES #42 Rep. DeFazio (OR) – would improve aviation safety by permitting the Department of Transportation to regulate the safe transport of lithium batteries without having to wait for an accident to occur. This commonsense amendment will allow for stronger regulations that can help prevent unnecessary hazards onboard aircraft. Vote YES on this amendment.

Vote YES #58 Rep. Esty (CT) – would create and facilitate the Women in Aviation Advisory Board intended to promote organizations and programs that provide education, training, mentorship, outreach, and recruitment of women into the aviation industry. This Board will identify barriers that discourage women from joining the industry and create a plan that expands opportunities for women to build aviation careers. Vote YES on this amendment.

VOTE NO #63 Rep. King (IA) – would prohibit the use of funds authorized by the bill to be used to implement, administer, or enforce the prevailing wage requirements of Davis-Bacon. Davis-Bacon sets the wage floor for federal construction projects, preventing federal funds from undermining local wages and living standards. Vote NO on this amendment.

VOTE NO #79 Rep. Denham (CA) – would prohibit states from enacting laws or regulations concerning interstate truck drivers, thereby preventing these workers from benefiting from any state policy governing workplace rules. Similar language was rejected during FAST Act consideration and should be rejected again. Vote NO on this amendment.

VOTE NO #112 Rep. McClintock (CA) – would eliminate the Essential Air Service Program (EAS), which provides air service to hundreds of small communities across the U.S. Ending funding for this service would harm those living in rural parts of the country and those who currently work to provide those services. Vote NO on this amendment.

Sincerely,

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