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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 thanks, 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.

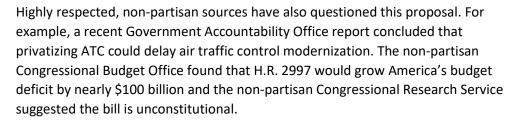
Despite what proponents argue, this proposed Board would ultimately control access to airports and airspace with a cursory safety review by DOT. Today, we can go to our congressional representatives if we have issues with air traffic control. Under HR 2997, we must go to court to have our grievances 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.









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!



















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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

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Chicago Area (IL) Business Aviation Association

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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

Flying Physicians 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

Houma Terrebonne Airport Commission

Houston (TX) Regional Aviation Professionals

Idaho Aviation Association

Idaho Business Aviation Association

Illinois Pilots Association

Indiana Business Aviation Association

Indianapolis Aero Club

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International Council of Air Shows

International 180/185 Club

Iowa Public Airports Association

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Minnesota Council of Airports

Minnesota Pilots Association Minnesota Seaplane Association

Montana Pilots Association

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National Association of State Aviation Officials

National Business Aviation Association Nebraska Association of Airport Officials Nebraska Business Aviation Association

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Oklahoma Business Aviation Association

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Southern California Aviation Association

Southern Colorado Business Aviation Group



































South Florida Business Aviation Association San Antonio (TX) Area Business Aviation Alliance

Seaplane Pilots Association

Spokane Airport Tenants Association

Soaring Society of America

Sonix Builders & Pilots Foundation

South Carolina Aviation Association

South Dakota Pilots 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 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) Aircraft Maintenance Association

Westchester (NY) Aviation Association

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