



### 'Washington-Knows-Best' Approach to ATC Giveaway Is Wrong

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 tanks, 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.





Highly respected, non-partisan sources have also questioned this proposal. For example, a recent Government Accountability Office report concluded that privatizing ATC could delay air traffic control modernization. The non-partisan Congressional Budget Office found that H.R. 2997 would grow America's budget deficit by nearly \$100 billion and the non-partisan Congressional Research Service suggested the bill is unconstitutional.

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!

- American Bonanza Society
- Addison (TX) Business Aviation Association
- Airborne Law Enforcement Association
- Air Care Alliance
- Aircraft Electronics Association
- Aircraft Kit Industry Association
- Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association
- Alabama Business Aviation Association
- Alaska Airmen Association
- American Helicopter Society International
- Antique Airplane Association
- Arizona Business Aviation Association
- Arizona Pilots Association
- 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
- 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 Aeronautical Board



Colorado Aviation Business Association

Colorado Pilots Association

Commemorative Air Force

Connecticut Business Aviation Group

Corporate Aircraft Association

Deer Valley Pilots Association

East Central Ohio Pilots Association

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

International Aerobatic Club

International Cessna 170 Association

International Council of Air Shows

International 180/185 Club

Iowa Public Airports Association

Kansas Association of Airports

Kansas City (MO) Business Aviation Association

Kansas Pilots

Kentucky Aviation Association

Kentucky Business Aviation Association

Lancair Owners and Builders Organization

Lawyer Pilots Bar Association



Light Aircraft Manufacturers Association  
 Long Beach (CA) Airport Association  
 Long Island (NY) Business Aviation Association  
 Los Angeles Area Helicopter Operators Association  
 Louisiana Airport Managers Association  
 Love Field (TX) Pilots Association  
 Maine Aeronautics Association  
 Malibu/Mirage Owners & Pilots Association  
 Massachusetts Airport Management Association  
 Massachusetts Business Aviation Association  
 Michigan Business Aviation Association  
 Minnesota Aviation Trades Association  
 Minnesota Business Aviation Association  
 Minnesota Council of Airports  
 Minnesota Pilots Association  
 Minnesota Seaplane Association  
 Montana Pilots Association  
 Mooney Summit  
 Morristown (NJ) Aviation Association  
 MU2 Aircraft Owners & Pilots Association  
 National Air Transportation Association  
 National Association of State Aviation Officials  
 National Business Aviation Association  
 Nebraska Association of Airport Officials  
 Nebraska Business Aviation Association  
 Nevada Business Aviation Association  
 New England Helicopter Council  
 New Mexico Airport Managers Association  
 New Mexico Pilots Association  
 North Dakota Aviation Council  
 North Dakota Business Aviation Association  
 North Texas Business Aviation Association  
 Northern California Business Aviation Association  
 Ohio Regional Business Aviation Association  
 Oklahoma Business Aviation Association  
 Oregon Aviation Industries  
 Oregon Pilots Association  
 Pacific Northwest Business Aviation Association  
 Partnership for Corporate Aviation Training (TX)  
 Patient Airlift Services  
 Piper Flyer Association  
 Recreational Aviation Foundation  
 San Carlos Airports Association  
 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  
 West Virginia Airport Managers Association  
 Wichita (KS) Aero Club  
 WingsReality EDU  
 Wisconsin Business Aviation Association  
 Women in Aviation International