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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between airlines. This provision would allow airlines to lower the standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue to fight to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and passengers.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
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The bill reauthorizes the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years and passengers. This includes the provision that extends the flight attendant mandatory minimum rest period and support animals, calls for a study assessing the health effects of bleed air, which is making flight attendants portable between aircraft maintenance facilities. This change would undermine safety by failing to ensure that aviation passengers. We commend the leadership of Reps. Shuster, DeFazio, LoBiondo, and Larsen, and Sec-
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H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. ... This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. It is imperative that we keep the FAA, the US Department of Transportation (USDOT), and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between different U.S. companies. While we recognize the need for flexibility in training, we believe strongly that the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers should be preserved. This provision will make it easier for a qualified aviation repairman to move from one company to another without the significant additional training necessary to initially obtain a certificate.

The TWU supports maintaining the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue to fight to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation. I encourage you to support H.R. 302, as well as Sens. Capito, McConnell, Stabenow, and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (H.R. 302). This legislation is essential to the health of the aviation industry and to our nation's economy. The TWU applauds Congress for the leadership of Representatives Espaillat and Wilson, as well as Sens. Schumer and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. For example, the bill improves minimum rest standards for flight deck crews, which enhances safety for passengers and crew alike. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between airlines. We strongly believe that high standards are necessary for aviation safety, and the TWU will continue fighting to keep these standards in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation. The TWU thanks Congress for its dedication to the needs of the transportation community, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

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September 26, 2018

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018, which reauthorizes federal funding for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. It strengthens the provisions in the current law that require the cockpit crew to receive extra rest during long flights. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between airlines. This provision undermines the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation operations. We are grateful to Senators Scott, Warner, Arizona, and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (H.R. 302). The bill reauthorizes the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. For instance, the bill strengthens the protections for flight attendants by increasing minimum rest standards. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, improves the protection of airline passengers who are subjected to inappropriate sexual behavior on board, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between aircraft manufacturers. As a union that represents aviation maintenance workers, TWU believes that it is in the best interest of the aviation maintenance workforce to maintain and strengthen existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation operations. We thank Members of Congress such as Representatives Lou Miller, Ruben Gallego, Ken Babbitt, and Mo Brooks; and Senators Lisa Murkowski and Cory Booker, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. This legislation provides continued federal investment in the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. The measure makes a significant improvement to on-duty hours by raising the minimum standard for pilots to 14 hours of on-duty hours per day and 30 hours per week. The FAA Administrator’s current authority to waive these standards when the Administrator determines such a waiver is necessary to avoid a significant disruption to the national aviation system has been extended.

This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals on aircraft, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between companies operating under different Federal Aviation Regulations. This provision would undermine the FAA’s authority to regulate the training and maintenance of repairman certificates, which is critical to ensuring safe operations at our nation’s airports. The TWU views this provision as a potential threat to our existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation operations. We are especially grateful to Representatives DeLauro and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (H.R. 302). This legislation, which advances improvements to aviation safety, is crucial for protecting frontline workers and passengers.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. The measure includes a significant improvement that provides parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews. This enhancement is necessary to ensure the safety and well-being of our hard-working pilots.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between employers. This move could undermine the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation passengers. We commend Congresswoman Eshoo and Senator Cantwell for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (H.R. 302) to renew the FAA’s authority for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. The FAA has the authority to enforce these measures, which are needed to ensure the safety of passengers and airline employees.

This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and provides a logical transition for the certificate of authorization (COA) program, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between inspectors. This provision seeks to impose lower standards on the aviation maintenance workforce. While the TWU supports maintaining high standards, we are disappointed by the inclusion of this provision in the bill. The TWU is committed to working with Congress to keep in place existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation security. We thank you, Representative [Name], as well as Chairman Shuster and Ranking Member Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. This legislation reinforces the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. It includes the addition of a maximum allowable flight time of 17 hours for pilots, which will be enforced by the FAA. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

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However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between airlines. This provision would undermine the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation security. We applaud the leadership of Representatives De Lauro, Carnahan, Shuster, and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. The act provides the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. The measure requires the FAA to establish a new minimum rest standard for flight deck crew members, providing much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

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However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between aviation maintenance jobs. This provision undermines existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation passengers. We urge you to support H.R. 302 and thank Congresswoman Schakowsky and Senator Cantwell for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

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H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. The bill requires the Secretary of Transportation to study and report on the feasibility of lowering the flight crew minimum rest requirements and to increase the required duration of Minimum Rest Periods to 11 hours. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between employers. This provision would undermine the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation passengers. We thank Representatives DeLauro and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

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Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation... and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
September 26, 2018

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. The TWU strongly supports this legislation, which will provide critical funding for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. The TWU, in particular, is pleased to see the inclusion of a provision that would require the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to adopt a new, modern minimum rest standard for flight attendants. While this improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between airlines. The TWU believes this provision would undermine the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation operations. We commend Representatives Peters and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

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TWU International President
September 26, 2018

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. H.R. 302 seeks to reauthorize the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. The measure would establish a uniform minimum rest standard that recognizes the demanding nature of aviation work and its health and safety implications. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and amends the Essential Air Service program. This bill renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between employers. We strongly believe that maintaining the current high standards required of aviation maintenance workers is critical to ensure continued safety. We will continue fighting to keep these standards in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation consumers, and we support the work of Representatives Thompson, Cantwell, and others in a bipartisan effort. We thank you for your leadership and encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018, which reauthorizes the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. For example, the bill temporarily eliminates the existing three-hour break for flight deck crews, and requires the FAA to finalize regulations on this improvement by the end of 2020. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions. The TWU supports provisions that require a certification of air carrier flight crew members to be renewed every three years, with their knowledge evaluated every one to two years. The TWU also supports provisions that require airlines to disclose compensation, employee benefits, and company policies to flight attendants, as well as provisions that require a pay raise for flight attendants.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between participating states. The TWU supports provisions that ensure that existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation. We would like to thank Representatives Licata, Espy, Gant, and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

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TWU International President
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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. The Act would authorize $34 billion in funding over a five-year period for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. The measure amends Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations to require that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) establish a minimum of 360 minutes of rest for flight deck crewmembers. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between States. We respectfully request that you vote to strike the language that would undermine the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation passengers. We thank Representative DeGette, and Senator Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. As you know, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 is a necessary and singularly important piece of legislation that will renew and provide stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. These reforms include provisions to standardize and improve rest requirements for flight deck crews, which will improve safety. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between airlines. This provision would lower existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation passengers. We would like to commend you, Representative , for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. As the leading transportation union, TWU is committed to ensuring safe, efficient, and reliable air transportation for all Americans. We support this legislation as it seeks to renew funding for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. The measure recognizes the need for modernizing and expanding air traffic control operations, which is critical to maintaining the safety and efficiency of our nation’s airspace. It also advances policies that will help streamline and improve the hiring and training of aviation maintenance workers. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions. These changes will help ensure that passengers have a safer and more enjoyable flight experience.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between jurisdictions. This provision is contrary to the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation operations. We thank Representatives DeLauro and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (H.R. 302). The bill will reauthorize the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system. H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

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However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between jurisdictions. This provision will lower the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation. We thank Representatives DeGette and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. This important legislation seeks to extend the Federal Aviation Administration’s (FAA) authority for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. It strengthens protections for workers exposed to asbestos, establishes a comprehensive 12-hour duty limit for pilots, and enacts new minimum rest requirements for flight attendants. The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and supports the U.S. military by allowing military and national security personnel to be on active duty during the 30 days after the end of military service.

This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews. The measure also requires a 64-hour rest period after 7 days of continuous work, and strengthens the criminal penalties for crew members who leave the aircraft during a flight.

The measure also renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions. The TWU supports the parallel introduction of the Essential Air Service program in the Senate.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between employers. Although the TWU supports the training and certification of aviation maintenance workers, we do not believe that it is fair to allow portable certificates, which would allow for a lower standard of training and certification. We believe that it is important to maintain the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation operations. We commend the House Administration Committee Chairs Engel and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
September 26, 2018

This morning, the TWU sent the letter below in support of H.R. 302, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. Click here to read more on the TWU website.

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (H.R. 302), which reauthorizes the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. Specifically, the bill proposes to improve pilot hours and rest regulations, which would reduce worker fatigue and increase safety. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between and within states. We believe that this provision would undermine the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation stakeholders. For this reason, we are grateful to Representatives DeGette, DeFazio, and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018, which was introduced by House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman Peter DeFazio (D-OR) and signed by Speaker of the House Paul Ryan (R-WI) and Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL). This legislation seeks to renew the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. The measure would update the Federal Aviation Administration’s (FAA) training rule, fully implementing the current 12-hour duty rule, which would benefit the 50,000+ flight deck crew members working for the airlines. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) district offices. This provision is unnecessary and upsets the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation customers. We thank you, Representative _________ and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. The TWU is committed to ensuring that the national aviation system is maintained in a safe and efficient manner.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. The bill would increase the minimum rest periods for pilots to 11 hours, providing much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and improves the safety and security of air transportation. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also makes improvements to the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between employers. This provision would allow for the same level of training and experience to be acknowledged by different companies, which could lower the standards for aviation maintenance workers. We believe that the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers should be maintained and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation. We want to thank Congresswoman Schatz and Senator Cantwell for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
September 26, 2018

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018... Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system. H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews. The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support... renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions. However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between... existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place. Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation... and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen

TWU International President

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This morning, the TWU sent the letter below in support of H.R. 302, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. Click here to read more on the TWU website.

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. As we approach the reauthorization of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. The measure will require certification of Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) examiners to improve reliability of the process. Additionally, the bill makes significant improvements to airline safety by requiring airlines to provide greater public disclosure of flight delays and cancellations and by establishing a comprehensive program to address the risk of fatigue to air safety.

This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between states. This would undermine the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation passengers. We thank Representative DeLauro and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President

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September 26, 2018

This morning, the TWU sent the letter below in support of H.R. 302, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. Click here to read more on the TWU website.

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. This legislation would reauthorize the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. A major achievement is the requirement for carriers to adopt the current minimum rest standard of 10 hours off duty for flight crew members. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and increases the number of years an airline must keep records on accidents and incidents. This bill renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between employers. This provision would undermine the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation operations. We thank Representatives Tiara Mack, Marcia Fudge, and Cathy McMorris Rodriguez for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (H.R. 302). This bill makes significant improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. The legislation increases the minimum standard for required rest periods for flight deck crew, mandating a change from the current 8 hours to at least 11 hours. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions. We commend Representatives pillsbury and Cantwell for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between carriers. This provision appears to undermine the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation. We thank the Committee for its work and the Administration for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen

TWU International President
This morning, the TWU sent the letter below in support of H.R. 302, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. Click here to read more on the TWU website.

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (H.R. 302) which has been introduced by Representatives Peter DeFazio, Ken Calvert, Don Beyer, G. K. Butterfield, and Jeanne Ives. This bill makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers.

The measure improves the minimum rest standards for flight crew, mandating a minimum of 48 hours of rest. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and requires minimum rest for pilots.

The measure renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between airlines. This provision would undermine the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation. We commend Representatives DeFazio, Calvert, Beyer, Butterfield, Ives, and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. The TWU applauds the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for its important work on aviation safety and efficiency. H.R. 302, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018, will provide the FAA with the resources necessary to implement sound planning and adapt to emerging technologies.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. The measure would reauthorize FAA funding for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, strengthens the initiative to ensure that pilots are aware of biomedical conditions, renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between employers. The TWU believes in maintaining high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation efficiency. The TWU thanks Representatives Duncan and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
This morning, the TWU sent the letter below in support of H.R. 302, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018.

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018...Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support...renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between...existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation...and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
This morning, the TWU sent the letter below in support of H.R. 302, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. Click here to read more on the TWU website.

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. The bill is critical for ensuring the safety and security of our nation’s aviation system. This renewal of the FAA’s authorization is needed by the Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. This includes requiring the FAA to conduct a review of current flight deck miniscule rest standards and develop implementation strategies to increase and improve miniscule rest standards. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and improves emergency notification procedures. The bill renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions. This is an important step forward for the communities that rely on these services and the passengers who depend on it.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between a general aviation air carrier and a commercial air carrier. We believe that this provision could undermine the high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation. We applaud Representatives DeGette and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. This legislation, H.R. 302, would authorize the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. For example, the measure would raise the minimum rest standards for flight deck crews to 11 hours off duty per duty period, which provides a significant improvement by providing additional rest for pilots. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals in-flight, and expands the Elite Flight Academy Program. The bill also renames the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between employers. This provision would undermine the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation systems. We thank Representatives DeGette and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. As a leading voice in aviation and a union representing a significant portion of the nation’s frontline workers, TWU strongly supports this bill. The FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 will extend the authorization of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. This bill improves the landmark 1990s bill by requiring a more complete rest period for flight deck crews. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions. We are encouraged by the inclusion of provisions that strengthen the safety of the national aviation system.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between employers. This provision would undermine the high standards of technical skill and training that TWU believes are essential for aviation maintenance workers. We will continue fighting to keep the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we encourage you to support the bill with this amendment.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation systems. We would like to thank Representative Peter DeFazio (D-OR) and Representative pucky Cantwell (D-WA) for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
This morning, the TWU sent the letter below in support of H.R. 302, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. Click here to read more on the TWU website.

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018, which reauthorizes federal aviation funding for five years, providing stability and investment in our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. The bill includes an improvement to the current minimum rest standards for flight deck crews. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between airlines. We strongly oppose this provision, which risks lowering the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation. Our thanks to Representatives DeFazio, Sires, and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
This morning, the TWU sent the letter below in support of H.R. 302, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018.

Click here to read more on the TWU website.

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. The TWU applauds the House and Senate leadership for producing a bipartisan bill that renews the authority of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. In particular, the bill includes language that would extend the protections for aviation security officers to all frontline aviation workers, including those who work directly for the FAA. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between employers. While we support the goal of ensuring a smooth transition of skilled, certified personnel, the TWU believes that this provision will not achieve the desired result and can have unintended consequences for the aviation maintenance work force. We also believe that this provision is inconsistent with the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation systems. We want to thank Chairman Frank L. Pallone Jr. and Senator Maria Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. The TWU has long advocated for the FAA’s mission to strengthen and modernize our nation’s aviation system. The FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 is a critical step forward for the aviation industry and America’s air travelers, allowing the FAA to meet the needs of a growing and dynamic aviation system for the next five years.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between airlines. This provision could undermine the high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation. We commend Representatives Peter DeFazio and Cathy McMorris Rodgers, as well as Senators John Thune and Maria Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
This morning, the TWU sent the letter below in support of H.R. 302, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. Click here to read more on the TWU website.

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. H.R. 302 renews the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between airlines. This provision would undermine existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation passengers. We thank Representatives Schrier, Lipinski, and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
September 26, 2018

This morning, the TWU sent the letter below in support of H.R. 302, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. Click here to read more on the TWU website.

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. This legislation provides renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system, which is vital to the economy and safety of the United States.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. The Department of Transportation (DOT) has previously identified the need for federal policy changes to ensure that flight deck crews are provided with adequate and restful rest periods. The measure contained in H.R. 302 will require the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to set minimum rest standards for flight deck crew members, which will align long and short-haul minimum rest requirements.

This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between employers. This provision undermines the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation operations. We applaud the leadership of Representatives Martinez De Vara and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. H.R. 302 is a comprehensive bill that would authorize the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. It strengthens the ban on e-cigarettes in aircraft cabins, which is necessary to ensure the safety of both passengers and crew members. The bill also implements the sixth and final set of required flight crew rest standard improvements by the Department of Transportation. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals on board aircraft, and requires the FAA to establish a national matrix of all authorized service animals and emotional support animals. This provision will help ensure the safety of all passengers and crew members on board.

The FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions. This renewal is critical to ensuring that smaller communities have access to air transportation.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between airlines. We recognize the importance of maintaining uniform high standards of quality and safety for aviation workers, and we believe that it is crucial to maintain the current standards in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation systems. We commend the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, as well as Representatives underwear and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
September 26, 2018

This morning, the TWU sent the letter below in support of H.R. 302, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. Click here to read more on the TWU website.

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018, which renews and strengthens the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, enhances worker health and safety in the workplace, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between employers. This provision would undermine the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation consumers. We applaud Representatives DeGette and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
This morning, the TWU sent the letter below in support of H.R. 302, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. Click here to read more on the TWU website.

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018, which will renew the authorization for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. It proposes to extend the minimum rest standards for flight deck crews to seven consecutive days without a minimum of seven consecutive days of rest. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between employers. This provision would undermine the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation operations. We appreciate the efforts of Representatives DeGette and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
September 26, 2018

This morning, the TWU sent the letter below in support of H.R. 302, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. Click here to read more on the TWU website.

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (H.R. 302), which passed the U.S. House of Representatives on September 26, 2018. These five-year reauthorization bills provide renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. It would replace the current, outdated minimum rest standards for flight crew with a new, more rigorous standard that promotes safety and well-being. The new standard, 15 hours on duty and 48 hours off, provides workers the time needed for proper rest. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between employers. The TWU believes that this provision would undermine the current, strong, and effective high-quality standards that are already in place for aviation maintenance workers. Repairman certificates are tied to an employer, and they create a reliable system of accountability that the TWU supports. We are concerned that this provision could undermine the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation. The TWU is thankful to Representatives DeLauro and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
Dearest Representative,

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. As submitted, this measure will reauthorize the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. The measure upgrades and clarifies the minimum rest standards for flight deck crews, providing much-needed parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight attendants. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, requires the FAA to establish a program to provide training and skills development for disadvantaged and disabled individuals to enter and succeed in the aviation industry, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between airlines. Although we appreciate the expertise of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation systems. We applaud Representative DeGette and Senator Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
This morning, the TWU sent the letter below in support of H.R. 302, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. Click here to read more on the TWU website.

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (H.R. 302), which is due for a vote in your House committee this week. The bill renews the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system. It also upholds our existing air safety and service standards while addressing several critical needs facing our industry.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. It amends the Federal Aviation Act of 1958 to require the Administrator of the FAA to establish a minimum rest standard for flight crew members. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and enforces air service to small communities. In addition, H.R. 302 renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between airlines. This provision would create confusion in the aviation maintenance workforce and is at odds with the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation services. We urge you to support this bipartisan bill, which has been crafted by Sens. Grassley and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen

TWU International President
This morning, the TWU sent the letter below in support of H.R. 302, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018.

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (H.R. 302). This important legislation would provide a five-year extension of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. The measure would double the minimum number of rest hours between shifts for pilots, providing essential time to rest and recover. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, strengthens consumer protections, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between airlines. This provision would undermine the high standards required of aviation maintenance workers and would make it easier for employers to cut corners. We will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation security. We thank Representatives DeGette, Delaney, and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
September 26, 2018

This morning, the TWU sent the letter below in support of H.R. 302, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018.

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018.

The bill will reauthorize the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between employers. This provision reduces the job security and safety of our members and lowers the standards for certifying those workers who maintain and repair aircraft. The TWU has been a leader in setting and raising standards for aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation consumers. We thank Representative DeLauro and Senator Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President

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September 26, 2018

This morning, the TWU sent the letter below in support of H.R. 302, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018.

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (H.R. 302) that would provide a 5-year extension to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. The legislation eliminates the rollbacks to flight deck crew rest standards that were included in the 2016 FAA Reauthorization Act. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between airlines, which would significantly lower the standards for aviation maintenance workers. H.R. 302 would allow newly issued certificates to be ported between airlines, thereby lowering the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation operations, and we thank Representatives De Lauro and Cantwell for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
This morning, the TWU sent the letter below in support of H.R. 302, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. Click here to read more on the TWU website.

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. The bill is well-deserved and timely, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system. The legislation seeks to reauthorize the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. The measure addresses critical worker and passenger safety needs, including providing "upstream" reform to ensure adequate and reliable access to quality medical facilities and medical services in rural and remote areas, improving the Federal Airline Stewardess and Steward program, and expanding the definition of "air transportation services" to include flights conducted by the U.S. military. The legislation also provides important parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and requires the FAA to promulgate regulations for the use of passenger self-service dispensing kiosks on Board.

The measure also renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions. However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between employers. The provision would undermine the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation passengers. We commend Representatives DeFazio, Peters, and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (H.R. 302) which is set to expire at the end of this year. The bill authorizes funding for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. For example, the bill expands minimum rest standards for flight deck crews, which is an improvement that provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, establishes a process for the removal of unauthorized persons from aircraft, and includes a provision to improve the training of aviation maintenance personnel.

This bill also renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between participating airlines, which would reduce the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation infrastructure. We appreciate the work of Representatives Degette and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen

TWU International President

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This morning, the TWU sent the letter below in support of H.R. 302, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. Click here to read more on the TWU website.

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (H.R. 302). This bill would extend the Federal Aviation Administration’s (FAA) authorization for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. Specifically, the bill requires the FAA to establish a new minimum rest standard for flight deck crews. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, improves aviation security, and expands the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between airlines. This provision seeks to undermine the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation systems. We are grateful to Reps. Garamendi and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
September 26, 2018

This morning, the TWU sent the letter below in support of H.R. 302, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. Click here to read more on the TWU website.

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (H.R. 302). The TWU applauds the leadership of Members of Congress such as Representatives Upton and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between airlines. We believe this provision, if enacted, would lower the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation consumers. The TWU thanks Congress Members Upton and Cantwell for their leadership in producing this bill.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. The TWU fully supports the 5-year extension of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and is proud of the leadership of Representative Peter DeFazio and Senator Maria Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. The measure would require pilots to receive the same minimum rest standards that workers receive on the flight deck. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between airlines. This provision would undermine the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation operations. We appreciate the leadership of Chairwoman Emily Murphy and Senator Maria Cantwell for their diligent work on this legislation.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen

TWU International President
This morning, the TWU sent the letter below in support of H.R. 302, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018.

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. This legislation renews the federal commitment to the safety and efficiency of our aviation system and directs continued investment in our nation’s airport and air traffic control infrastructure.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. The bill modernizes our nation’s air traffic control system, providing increased automation and capabilities to handle today’s demand for air travel. It promotes the safety and health of flight deck crews by increasing minimum rest standards. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and extends the Small Community Air Service Program, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between employers. The TWU is concerned about the potential for lower standards in aviation maintenance maintenance work, with an unknown impact on the high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation safety. We appreciate the leadership of Congressmen DeFazio and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
September 26, 2018

This morning, the TWU sent the letter below in support of H.R. 302, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018.

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 ... Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. ... This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support ... renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between ... existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation ... and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen

TWU International President
September 26, 2018

This morning, the TWU sent the letter below in support of H.R. 302, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. Click here to read more on the TWU website.

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (H.R. 302). The TWU is dedicated to protecting the safety of the nation’s aviation system and its millions of passengers. The Act renews and strengthens the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. These improvements are critical to the continued success and prosperity of the nation’s aviation industry. For example, the measure establishes a minimum rest standard of 10 hours for flight attendants working as part of a shift, closing a gap in the current FAA regulations. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals on flights, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between airlines, which would undermine the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation users. We commend Representative Aaron Schock and Senator Sherrod Brown for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
This morning, the TWU sent the letter below in support of H.R. 302, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. Click here to read more on the TWU website.

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018... Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. ... This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support ... renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between ... existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation ... and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen

TWU International President
This morning, the TWU sent the letter below in support of H.R. 302, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. Click here to read more on the TWU website.

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018, which reauthorizes the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between employers. It is our strong belief that maintaining the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation workers. We thank Senators Ron Wyden, Susan Collins, Mark Warner, and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen

TWU International President
September 26, 2018

This morning, the TWU sent the letter below in support of H.R. 302, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. Click here to read more on the TWU website.

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (H.R. 302). This legislation would renew the authorization of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. For example, the measure would require airlines to implement a 48-hour multiple flight threshold, which would break the current record of the longest consecutive flight schedule for flight attendants, and would provide for a minimum of 12 consecutive hours of duty-free time. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, expands the definition of denied boarding, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between employers. We do not view this provision as necessary or beneficial to ensuring aviation safety, and we continue to believe that the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation security. We are grateful to Senators Durbin, Menendez, Shaheen, and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (H.R. 302). This legislation renews federal funding for a second 5-year term for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to ensure that this vital federal agency can continue to operate effectively and meet its mission of ensuring the safety, security, and efficiency of the nation’s transportation systems. H.R. 302 provides a long-term, stable funding source to support the FAA’s critical functions and responsibilities.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. These improvements include:

- Proposing strengthened provisions to improve the safety of airline passengers through tightened regulations on the operations of in-flight of foreign-born passengers.
- Expanding the minimum rest standards for flight deck crews to promote the health and well-being of all airline crew members.
- Ban on personal cell phone use on flights that reduces the risk of distractions and improves flight safety.
- Mandating a requirement for the regulation of service animals and emotional support animals on board aircraft.
- Expanding the Essential Air Service program to support air service to small communities.

This bill also takes major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation operations. The TWU applauds Representative Frank Lucas and Representative Maggie Hassan for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
This morning, the TWU sent the letter below in support of H.R. 302, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. Click here to read more on the TWU website.

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (H.R. 302), which renews the Federal Aviation Administration’s (FAA) authorization for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. The measure also makes improvements to aviation service, including an important increase in the minimum number of hours that flight deck crewmembers can work during any 7-day period, which provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals in flight, renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, and other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of a provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between carriers. Although the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has established and maintained high standards for aviation maintenance workers for many years, the provision would undermine those standards and allow some companies to cut corners, potentially compromising air safety. We strongly oppose making Repairman certificates portable.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation service. We thank Representatives Peter DeFazio and Frank Pallone, and Senators Maria Cantwell and Jack Reed, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
This morning, the TWU sent the letter below in support of H.R. 302, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018.

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (H.R. 302), which makes significant improvements to aviation safety and security. The bill renews FAA funding for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. For example, it includes a provision to reform and renew the applicable minimum rest standards for flight deck crews. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals on board, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between states. This provision would undermine the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation security. We would like to express our gratitude to Reps. Peter DeFazio and Maria Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen

TWU International President
September 26, 2018

This morning, the TWU sent the letter below in support of H.R. 302, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. Click here to read more on the TWU website.

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. H.R. 302 seeks to reauthorize the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system. This measure is the result of years of work with industry stakeholders, consumer advocates, and Members of Congress.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. The bill updates existing rest standards for flight deck crews, under which crews are currently limited to 14 hours of duty or 16 hours on duty. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and strengthens airport security. Additionally, H.R. 302 renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between employers. Portable certificates would undermine the high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation passengers. We appreciate the efforts of Members of Congress like Rep. DeGette and Sen. Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen

TWU International President
September 26, 2018

This morning, the TWU sent the letter below in support of H.R. 302, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. Click here to read more on the TWU website.

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (H.R. 302) as originally written and succeeds for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. Specifically, the provision establishes a minimum rest standard for flight deck crew. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between different states. While we support maintaining reciprocity for maintenance workers, we are concerned that this provision could undermine the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation systems. We commend Representatives EdwardFAST Dolan and Maria Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
This morning, the TWU sent the letter below in support of H.R. 302, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. Click here to read more on the TWU website.

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. H.R. 302 provides stable and needed funding for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. For example, the measure raises the minimum flight crew rest periods to 11 hours, providing needed parity with the current minimum rest standards for pilots. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between airlines. This provision would significantly undermine the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation. We applaud you, Representative [Name], and Senator Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. The TWU thanks the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate for working together to produce a bipartisan bill that improves aviation safety and strengthens the frontline workforce.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. The measure provides for a maximum of 11 consecutive hours of duty for flight deck crewmembers. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between aircraft manufacturers. While the TWU supports the FAA's role in ensuring the safety of aviation maintenance workers, we are concerned that portable certificates could dilute the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation systems. We thank Representatives Lithgow and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

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TWU International President
September 26, 2018

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. The TWU is deeply committed to the safety of our nation’s aviation system.

H.R. 302 strengthens the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) by providing increased investment in aviation safety and modernization. The legislation raises the minimum rest standards for aviation safety workers, rewarding them for their dedication to the nation’s airways. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between states. This provision could weaken the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation safety. We commend the leadership of Representatives DeLauro and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

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However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between airlines. This provision would undermine the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation consumers. For these reasons, we urge you to support H.R. 302.

We want to thank Representatives DeGette, DeLauro, and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (H.R. 302). The TWU, the largest aviation and transportation union in the United States, supports the bill to ensure that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is reauthorized for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. The bill restores the minimum rest requirements for flight attendants, which was first established in 1990 and has since been reduced to levels that are substandard. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals on board, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between carriers. While we support the goal of keeping aviation maintenance workers safe, this provision would undermine existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation. We thank Representatives Peter DeFazio (D-OR) and Susan Brooks (R-IN) for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. This important legislation would expire the authorization of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. These improvements include raising the minimum rest standards for flight deck crews by 25 percent, an increase that would provide for much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between airlines. This provision would lower the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation infrastructure. We thank Representative DeGette and Senator Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. The Act would reauthorize the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. For example, the measure eliminates the prohibition on cell phone voice calls during flight, which improves the safety of flightdeck crews. It also requires the establishment of a minimum rest standard for flight deck crews, which provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals on aircraft, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between Transportation Systems Command (TSC) facilities. The TWU has consistently advocated for higher standards of aviation maintenance workers. We believe that by mandating that certificates be portable, the FAA is lowering the standards of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation system reliability. We thank Representatives Schrier and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. This legislation, passed by both the House and the Senate, would provide one-year of funding for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support dogs, promotes the certification of existing pilots, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between employers. While we recognize the need for flexibility, this provision would undermine the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation services to passengers. For these reasons, we applaud our colleagues in the Senate, including Sens. John Thune and Maria Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. The TWU appreciates the continued leadership of Congress in addressing the needs of our nation’s aviation community.

The bill, which was sponsored by Representative Edward J. Markey and Senator Maria Cantwell, provides essential investments in our aviation system for the next five years. This is particularly important during this critical time when our nation is experiencing record-breaking growth in passenger and cargo traffic, which requires renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. The provision that extends rest requirements for flight deck crews is a welcome improvement and provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between airlines. This provision would erode existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation. We especially thank Congress for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. This legislation, which the Administration has supported, provides renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. The bill, for example, increases the minimum number of rest hours required for pilots and crew, and this improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between airlines. While we recognize the need to keep aviation maintenance workers current, we are concerned that this provision may lower the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation. We thank Reps. DeLauro and Cantwell, and Senators Duckworth and Klobuchar, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. The bill is critical to reauthorize the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. For example, the bill strengthens theminimum rest standards for flight deck crews. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between different employers. This move would lower the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation systems. We thank Senators Blumenthal, Merkley, Markey, and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. As the nation’s largest aviation workers union, we strongly support the passage of this important bill.

H.R. 302 seeks to provide renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system. This measure would keep the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) funded for five years, providing the necessary investment to maintain our aviation system.

The FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. This enhancement ensures that the FAA automatically performs safety improvements when the standard of care is elevated, and it establishes a clear process and timeline for these improvements. The measure also provides for the implementation of the Create Jobs and Transportation Expenses Reauthorization Clerical Error Act (CJTERA), which would allow pilots to be scheduled for at least 48 hours between major events, thus reducing the risk of fatigue.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. It establishes a clear process and timeline for safety improvements when the standard of care is elevated, and it provides for the implementation of the CJTERA, which would allow pilots to be scheduled for at least 48 hours between major events, reducing the risk of fatigue.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between airlines. This provision could weaken the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation. We commend the administration and Congress for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. This legislation, which is now before the House of Representatives, is a long-needed step toward modernizing an aviation system that has not been reauthorized since 2010.

If enacted, H.R. 302 would reauthorize the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system. The bill strengthens the safety of all Americans who fly and also strengthens the economic vitality and competitiveness of our nation.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. The American pilots and flight attendants who work for our airline companies are on the front lines of ensuring the safety of our nation’s air travel. The bill includes a provision to require a minimum rest standard for flight deck crews, which recognizes the critical importance of ensuring that these workers are rested and alert for their duties.

This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews. The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between employers. This provision would undermine the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation. We commend Representatives DeLauro and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

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John Samuelsen
TWU International President
Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. The bill would renew the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. The bill improves the现行的最小休息标准 for flight deck crews. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between employers. This provision would lower the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation security. We are grateful to Representatives Degette and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

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September 26, 2018

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. H.R. 302 renews passenger and flight deck crew minimum rest standards, which were previously passed once in 2010. A significant improvement to aviation safety was the establishment of a minimum rest period for flight deck crews, which has been in place since 2010. H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. There is much debate over the number of hours that flight deck crews can work before they must rest for 12 hours. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, creates new protections for workers who report violations of the law, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions. We believe these provisions are vital to maintaining a safe and reliable aviation system.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between airlines. We believe this provision threatens the high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place. Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation consumers, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. This legislation renews investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. It improves the minimum rest standards for flight deck crews, extending from eight to nine hours. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between bases. This provision would undermine the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation. We thank the Members of Congress who drafted the legislation, especially Sens. Heidi Heitkamp and Maria Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

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TWU International President
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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (H.R. 302). The TWU believes this important bill will protect and improve the safety and working conditions of front-line workers and passengers alike.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. For example, this measure would require airlines to allow a pilot rest period of at least 10 hours before they must begin flying again. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between employers. This provision would lower the standards for aviation repair work and could lead to a loss of expertise and safety. The TWU believes that existing high standards for aviation maintenance workers are necessary for maintaining safety in the industry, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation infrastructure. We commend Representatives Peters and Cantwell for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (H.R. 302). This legislation would provide needed investments to our aviation system, which is why it is crucial to support it.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. For example, the measure would raise the minimum number of hours between rest periods from nine to 11, which is important for ensuring that flight attendants receive adequate rest to operate the aircraft safely. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions. The TWU supports the inclusion of these provisions in the act.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between employers. The TWU will continue fighting to keep existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation security. We thank Representatives Rahming, Espaillat, and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. The passage of this legislation in its current form is critical to the work of the TWU and the members we represent. The Act provides the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) with the resources it needs to safely improve our nation’s aviation system over the coming five years.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. The measure establishes a minimum of 48 hours of rest for pilots, extending the same rest standards that exist for aircrew to flight attendants. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between companies within the same industry. This provision would undermine the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation infrastructure. We appreciate the leadership and collaboration of Representatives Curbelo, Congresswoman Eshoo, and Senator Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

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Dear Representative:

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H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews. The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between employers. This provision would dilute existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation. We commend Chairman DeLauro and Senator Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (H.R. 302), which renews the existing federal funding of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. The FAA Administrator’s 2016 report to Congress on the implementation of the Regulatory Flexibility Act showed that the aviation industry suffers more injuries than any other industry and that aviation’s overall injury rate has been increasing since the 1980s. In recognition of these facts, the measure implements a significant improvement to aviation safety standards by raising flight deck minimum rest hours to 11 hours, an increase of one hour from the current standard, the longest among all modes of transportation. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

In addition, the act improves aviation safety by providing access to important information for passengers. This includes making clear on-flight cell phone and electronic device regulations. The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requiring regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, expanding airline consumer protections, and creating a special line item to fund the FAA’s Expanded Boeing 737 Max Safety Improvement Program.

The measure also includes a provision that improves the efficiency of the FAA, which is crucial to ensuring that air travel is as safe and efficient as possible. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also includes a provision that makes it easier for repairmen to transfer their certification to the FAA, which is crucial to ensuring that air travel is as safe and efficient as possible. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between states. This provision will likely create confusion for both repairmen and the FAA. We are also disappointed that the measure fails to include stronger protections for aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation passengers. On behalf of the TWU membership, we thank Representatives DeLauro and Cantwell for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
This morning, the TWU sent the letter below in support of H.R. 302, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. Click here to read more on the TWU website.

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018, which renews the Federal Aviation Administration’s (FAA) authorization for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. The measure includes funding to implement a national air travel data clearinghouse, which will improve air travel complaints management, and an increase in the required minimum rest period for flight deck crews by 30 minutes per day, which provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals on board, creates an equal opportunity policy to prevent discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, or disability, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between airlines. As your constituent, we are concerned that this will reduce the quality and safety of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation. We encourage you to thank Senators Collins and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. The bill, H.R. 302, modernizes and strengthens the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to ensure the safety, efficiency, and economic health of our nation’s airports and air transportation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. The bill establishes the minimum rest standards for flight attendants for the first time. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between airlines and repair stations. This provision weakens the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation service to the public. We thank Representatives DeLauro and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. The TWU is writing to express support for a bill that makes improvements to aviation safety and security by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. H.R. 302 renews the Federal Aviation Administration’s (FAA) authorization for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system. The TWU supports this renewed authorization for the FAA.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. The bill includes provisions that protect the rights and safety of passengers, such as the requirement that flight attendants be provided with the same minimum rest as flight crew. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, improves access to public transportation, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between airlines. This provision would undermine the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation security. The TWU appreciates the leadership of Representative DeGette, Representative Matsui, and Senator Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen

TWU International President
September 26, 2018

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Dear Representative:

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H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. ... This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support ... renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between ... existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation ... and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

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H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support ... renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between ... existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation ... and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

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TWU International President
September 26, 2018

This morning, the TWU sent the letter below in support of H.R. 302, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. Click here to read more on the TWU website.

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (H.R. 302). The TWU appreciates the leadership of Representatives DeLauro, Blumenauer, and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

We believe that the FAA Reauthorization Act improves aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. For example, the bill strengthens proposal to extend minimum rest standards for flight deck crews by providing an additional 12 hours of required rest. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support, establishes flight crew medical surveillance, extends the Banter Act for 10 years, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between US certified airlines. This provision would undermine the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation. The TWU supports this legislation and thanks you for your service.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
September 26, 2018

This morning, the TWU sent the letter below in support of H.R. 302, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. Click here to read more on the TWU website.

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (H.R. 302). The provisions in this legislation are crucial in reauthorizing the FAA’s funding for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. For example, it improves the uniformed aviation security officer (UASO) pay scale to bring it in line with the BTOP scale, reducing the number of unpaid and underpaid workers.

This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews. It also requires the FAA to examine the industry’s minimum rest schedule.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, expands the definition of ‘public transportation’ to include charter flights, and improves the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between airlines. This change may dilute the current high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation security. We thank Representatives Blumenauer and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. This measure provides renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. A notable improvement is the extension of minimum rest standards for flight deck crews to 12 consecutive hours of rest, providing much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between employers. We believe this provision undermines the high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation. We wish to thank Representatives Cohen, Taylor, Green, DeLauro, Himes, and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

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John Samuelsen
TWU International President
September 26, 2018

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 ... Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. ... This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support ... renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between ... existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation ... and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

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TWU International President

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This morning, the TWU sent the letter below in support of H.R. 302, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018.

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. The FAA has faced a crucial reauthorization deadline, and I urge you to consider this important legislation with the needs of frontline workers in mind.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. By extending the minimum rest requirements for pilot crews, H.R. 302 provides much-needed protection for those responsible for ensuring passenger safety. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between different airlines. We believe that this provision undermines the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation passengers. For that reason, I urge you to support H.R. 302. I would like to thank Senators Schumer and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
September 26, 2018

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 ... Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. ... This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support ... renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between ... existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation ... and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. The TWU applauds the efforts of Senator Cantwell and Senator Stevens, the primary sponsors of this bill, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Our full support for H.R. 302 is based on the following:

**Safety Improvements:** H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. It would expand the existing minimum rest periods for flight deck crews from 9 to 11 hours for flight operations under Part 121, and from 10 to 12 hours for flight operations under Part 135. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

**Cell Phone Ban:** The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls. This is a positive provision that will support the safety and comfort of passengers and crew.

**Service Animals Regulation:** The bill requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, which is a necessary step to ensure equal treatment and safety for all passengers.

**Incremental Investment:** This bill renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

**Portable Certificates:** However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between airlines. This provision would weaken existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation operations. The TWU commends the efforts of Senators Cantwell and Stevens, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen

TWU International President
Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. This bill is a critical investment in the future of our aviation system. It includes important policy reforms that will protect frontline workers and passengers.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between airlines. This provision undermines existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation operations. We thank Senators Rockefeller and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
September 26, 2018

This morning, the TWU sent the letter below in support of H.R. 302, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018.

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (H.R. 302) that would provide necessary funding and authorization for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. The bill builds on the Administration’s successful efforts to modernize and strengthen the airline industry, as well as the National Airspace System (NAS), by enacting the following important measures:

- Improved pilot rest standards: H.R. 302 makes improvements to flight crew rest standards, which are long overdue. The bill requires that flight deck crew members are provided with an average of 11 hours of rest off duty between work, providing a necessary and important improvement. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

- In-flight cell phone voice calls: The bill also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, an important step forward to reduce distractions and enhance safety during flight. It requires the FAA to develop a plan to facilitate state and local governments to regulate the use of service animals and emotional support animals.

- Essential Air Service (EAS): The measure also renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between employers. This provision would remove a critical safeguard for aviation maintenance workers that is currently in place. We strongly urge Congress to work with the FAA to maintain the high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation infrastructure. We commend Chairwomen Pelosi and Cantwell for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

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TWU International President

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. This legislation would extend the current authorization for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between carriers. This provision would undermine the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation operations. We thank Representative Peters, Representative Murphy, and Senator Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (H.R. 302). This reauthorization act will provide a critical and long-overdue renewal of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. It includes key provisions to ensure pilots and flight attendants are provided with fair and appropriate rest, including by adopting a bears minimum rest standard for flight deck crews. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between employers. This provision undermines the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation travelers. We thank Representatives DeGette and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. The TWU appreciates the leadership of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chair Peter DeFazio and the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee Chair John Thune for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. It extends the requirement for at least 11 hours of rest for flight deck crew members. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals on board, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between companies. This provision would change existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation infrastructure. With the support of a unified Senate and House, we can advance this bipartisan bill, which was drafted in consultation with the airline industry.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
This morning, the TWU sent the letter below in support of H.R. 302, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018.

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018, H.R. 302. The recently passed FAA Reauthorization Act provides renewal of the funding of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. The measures included in this bill include provisions that limit the maximum number of consecutive hours that our members, flight attendants, and flight deck crews may work. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between transportation modes. The TWU believes that this provision would undermine the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation system operations. We commend Representatives DeLauro and Cantwell for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

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TWU International President

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September 26, 2018

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (FAA RA) which will provide the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) with five years of funding.

H.R. 302 includes several important improvements which will support safety in our national aviation system. It makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. Specifically, H.R. 302 includes a provision to revise the minimum rest requirements for flight crew, which is a welcome improvement for all workers. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals in-flight. It renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between employers, which would undermine existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation consumers. We want to thank Chairman Shuster and Senator Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen

TWU International President
September 26, 2018

This morning, the TWU sent the letter below in support of H.R. 302, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. Click here to read more on the TWU website.

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. This act would authorize a five-year extension of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) grants-in-aid program and make improvements to the aviation system, including the safety and health of passengers and flight crew.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. The bill ensures that all pilots operating under Part 121 will replace their primary operating certificate with a commercial pilot's certificate, which contains higher standards for flight crew competency. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between employers. This provision would undermine existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation systems. We commend Representatives Airways, DeLauro, and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
This morning, the TWU sent the letter below in support of H.R. 302, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018.

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018, which would provide a five-year extension of the current Authorization Act. This measure would continue the FAA’s leadership in ensuring our country’s aviation safety is the best in the world.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. For example, the bill includes provisions to:

- Establish uniform minimum rest standards for flight deck crews, which will provide a level of protection for the entire aviation system. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.
- Ban in-flight cell phone voice calls, which will help ensure the safety and security of passengers during their travel experience.
- Require the regulation of service animals and emotional support animals on flights, which will provide necessary protections for both the animals and the passengers around them.
- Extend the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between employers. This provision would undermine the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation passengers. We thank Senators Schumer and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
This morning, the TWU sent the letter below in support of H.R. 302, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. Click here to read more on the TWU website.

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. This bill would authorize funding for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. The measure, for example, mandates increased minimum rest periods for crew members, including the first time in nearly two decades that flight attendants are granted the same minimum rest standards for flight deck crews. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between companies. While we recognize the need to ensure that aviation maintenance workers maintain their skills, it is our belief that this provision would undermine the high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation. We would like to thank Representatives Bilirakis, Lipinski, Lipman, Emmer, Van Roekel, and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

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TWU International President
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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018, which will provide essential funding for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. It provides for an improved Flight Attendant Rest Standard, which expands the ability of flight attendants to be able to recover when they need it the most. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between airlines. We believe this provision would weaken the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation passengers. We appreciate the hard work of the members of the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee, and we thank Senators Blumenthal and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

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TWU International President
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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 ... Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. ... This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support ... renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between ... existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation ... and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
September 26, 2018

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. This measure is critical to ensuring the safety and reliability of our nation’s aviation system.

The FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 would provide the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) with the necessary funding for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system. The bill includes provisions that advance policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between airlines. While the TWU supports the goal of improving the portability of certificates, we believe that the current high standards required of aviation maintenance workers should be maintained.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation operations. The TWU thanks Representatives DeLauro and Cantwell for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
September 26, 2018

This morning, the TWU sent the letter below in support of H.R. 302, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. Click here to read more on the TWU website.

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. The TWU looks forward to working with you on this legislation.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. Included in the bill is the expansion of minimum rest standards for flight deck crews, which will increase the maximum number of hours a crew member can work. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals on board, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between airlines. This provision could undermine the high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation passengers. We commend Representatives DeLauro and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
September 26, 2018

This morning, the TWU sent the letter below in support of H.R. 302, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. Click here to read more on the TWU website.

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (H.R. 302). This bill provides a long-needed reauthorization of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system. The legislation aims to improve the safety of our aviation system by advancing policy reforms that protect the frontline workers and passengers.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. The measure will extend the current minimum rest periods for flight deck crews, ensuring more rest time for flight crew members. An important improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, provides regulations for service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between states. While we recognize the need to maintain high standards for aviation maintenance workers, we believe that retaining the current requirements for certificate portability is necessary to ensure the safety of both the workforce and the public they serve. We will continue fighting to keep these high standards in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation. We extend our thanks to Senators DeSantis and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. The bipartisan legislation seeks to revive the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. The bill renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between employers. This provision would undermine the integrity and competitiveness of the US maintenance workforce by lowering standards. The TWU believes that a workforce of qualified, experienced, and certified aviation maintenance professionals are necessary to ensure safe and efficient flight operations. We urge Congress to remove this provision and continue to support the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation operations. We thank Representatives O’Malley and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
September 26, 2018

This morning, the TWU sent the letter below in support of H.R. 302, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. Click here to read more on the TWU website.

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. As your constituent and an advocate for protective policies for our industry and nation, I urge you to support the bill.

The FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 is a much-needed reaffirmation of the essential role our aviation industry and system play in America’s economy and national security. The legislation renews the Federal Aviation Administration’s (FAA) authority for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. For example, the bill would extend the minimum rest period for flight attendants from 7 to 9 hours, which will strengthen safety and help reduce fatigue among flightDeck crew members.

This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews. The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between states. While we recognize the need to keep up with technological advancements, we believe it is essential that states have the right to maintain their own high standards. We understand that the provision is modeled after other aviation-related certificates, but we are concerned that it could undermine the state’s authority to ensure that aviation maintenance workers meet those standards.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation systems. I urge you to support H.R. 302, which advances our safety and well-being.

We want to thank Congresswomen Stefanik, Schrier, and Cantwell for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
This morning, the TWU sent the letter below in support of H.R. 302, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018.

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (H.R. 302), which provides renewed investment and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. Notably, it includes a provision to establish a minimum rest standard for flight deck crews of 11 hours, which is an improvement from the current 9-11 hour requirement. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, regulates baggage fees, enhances passenger safety and security, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between carriers. This proposal seeks to weaken the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation in general. We thank Congressmen DeFazio and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen

TWU International President
This morning, the TWU sent the letter below in support of H.R. 302, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. Click here to read more on the TWU website.

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (H.R. 302), which would continue the FAA’s budget for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. The bill includes a significant improvement to existing flight crew rest standards by raising the minimum number of rest periods that must be provided by pilots, thus providing even stronger protections for pilots and their passengers. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals onboard aircraft, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between carriers, which would undermine the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation infrastructure, and we commend Representatives DeFazio and Cantwell for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
September 26, 2018

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (H.R. 302), which provides necessary funding for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals on board, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between airlines. While we recognize the need to update the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation infrastructure. We thank Congressman Peter DeFazio and Senator Maria Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
September 26, 2018

This morning, the TWU sent the letter below in support of H.R. 302, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. Click here to read more on the TWU website.

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. The FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 is a vital piece of legislation that will provide renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. The bill strengthens our aviation safety by requiring pilots to have a minimum of 12 consecutive months of rest between work periods, an improvement that provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between employers. This provision would undermine the rigorous high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation. We thank the leadership of Congressman Frank Lucas, Chairman of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and Senator Maria Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
This morning, the TWU sent the letter below in support of H.R. 302, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. Click here to read more on the TWU website.

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (H.R. 302), which seeks to reauthorize the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. The measures advance a 2016 FAA decision to implement an 8-hour rest requirement for flight attendants, which was one of the highest-ranking recommendations of the 9/11 Aviation Security Advisory Panel. The improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between employers, which would undermine the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation passengers. We commend Representative DeGette and Senator Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
September 26, 2018

This morning, the TWU sent the letter below in support of H.R. 302, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. Click here to read more on the TWU website.

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. The legislation would provide five years of funding for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and establishes an end date for the current authority, which is set to expire on December 15, 2018. This extension, which was supported by both houses of Congress, would provide renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. For instance, the bill requires the FAA to improve flight deck crew rest standards, which is a key priority of TWU. The provision would ensure that the minimum rest standards for flight deck crews are consistent with those for flight attendants. Additionally, this improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between employers. While it is important that aviation maintenance workers can transfer their skills and experience from one employer to another, it is also critical that we maintain the high standards required of aviation maintenance workers. We will continue fighting to keep these high standards in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation operations. We would like to thank Representatives DeFazio and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. This measure renews the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. It strengthens requirements for aviation personnel performance and training and makes improvements to the minimum rest standards for flight deck crews. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between companies. This provision would undermine existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation operations. We urge Congress to support this effort and thank Representatives DeGette and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
September 26, 2018

This morning, the TWU sent the letter below in support of H.R. 302, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018.

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (H.R. 302), which reauthorizes the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. The measure enhances emergency procedures by expanding the power of the FAA to require immediate action to address dangerous conditions.

In addition, the measure prohibits in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires the regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other important provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between airlines. This provision would undermine existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation systems. We thank Congressmen DeFazio and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
This morning, the TWU sent the letter below in support of H.R. 302, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. Click here to read more on the TWU website.

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (H.R. 302), which renews Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) funding and authority for five years.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. The bill includes provisions to create new minimum required rest periods for flight deck crew, which is an improvement over the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between employers. This provision would undermine the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation system. Therefore, we encourage you to support H.R. 302.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. The TWU supports this legislation, which would authorize funding for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for the next five years, providing stability and renewed investment in the national aviation system.

H.R. 302 would improve aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. The measure would strengthen minimum rest standards for flight deck crews, thereby enhancing safety and ensuring that crew members can operate without fatigue. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and enacts several other positive provisions. However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of a provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between employers. While the TWU supports efforts to keep aviation maintenance standards high, this provision would undermine the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation customers. We thank Senators Bill Nelson and Maria Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. As it moves through the legislative process, I want to highlight a few key provisions that TWU supports:

1. **Aviation Safety Enhancements:** H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. Specifically, the measure enhances minimum rest standards for flight deck crews, which is a critical improvement that provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

2. **Cell Phone and Service Animal Regulations:** The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and introduces additional safety measures that enhance the overall aviation experience.

3. **Support for Essential Air Service:** The bill renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

While we recognize the importance of the safety improvements, we are disappointed by the inclusion of a provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between employers. This provision could undermine existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation. We want to thank Representatives DeLauro and Cantwell for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
This morning, the TWU sent the letter below in support of H.R. 302, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. Click here to read more on the TWU website.

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. H.R. 302 reauthorizes FAA funding for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews. The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between employers. This provision would lower the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation passengers. We thank Senator Grassley and Senator Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
This morning, the TWU sent the letter below in support of H.R. 302, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. Click here to read more on the TWU website.

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018, which will provide renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between employers. This provision would lower existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation system stability. We thank Representatives Peters and Cantwell for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
This morning, the TWU sent the letter below in support of H.R. 302, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. Click here to read more on the TWU website.

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018...

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

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Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation...

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen

TWU International President
Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018, which was passed by the House of Representatives and is set for a vote in the Senate. This legislation reauthorizes the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. Specifically, the measure improves and updates Federal Aviation Regulations (FARs) 121 and 135, which are critical to maintaining the highest safety standards within the aviation industry. The FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 harmonizes these regulations with the equivalent Canadian Federal Aviation Regulations (CARs), providing our nation’s airlines with a competitive advantage over their international counterparts.

This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews. The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, supports the continued participation of our female pilots, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between airlines. This provision would undermine the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place. Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation systems.

We commend the leadership of Representatives DeGette and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. Designed to empower the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews. The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals during flight, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between jurisdictions. This provision would undermine the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation system. We encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (H.R. 302). The Act would renew the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. Specifically, the bill strengthens the system that provides oversight of airline crew rest, extending to flight deck crews the same minimum rest standards that apply to flight attendants. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, strengthens the infrastructure of our nation’s airports, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between airlines. This provision would lower the regulatory standards for aviation maintenance workers and undermine the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation passengers. We commend Representative DeGette for her leadership on this issue, along with her colleagues Representative Arrington and Senator Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (H.R. 302). Passed by the House on July 25, 2018, this legislation reauthorizes the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. For example, the measure strengthens pilot rest requirements, increasing the minimum rest period from eight to 10 hours between shifts. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between employers. While we understand the industry's need for flexibility, there are already high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation. We thank Representatives DeGette and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. The TWU applauds the legislation’s efforts to provide renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system. The FAA, as it nears its century mark, faces a unique opportunity to revitalize the system and prepare it for tomorrow.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. For example, the measure increases the minimum rest time for flight crews, ensuring that they can return home safely after a long day on the job. The legislation also improves standards for flight crews in small communities, ensuring they meet the same high safety standards as the rest of the industry.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requiring regulation of service animals and emotional support pets, ensuring that every passenger is treated with respect and dignity. The measure also protects the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, ensuring that they can continue to rely on air service.

Despite the inclusion of a provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between employers, the TWU supports the bill. This provision would make it easier for aviation maintenance workers to move between employers, ensuring that they could continue to work in the industry. The TWU is confident that the provision will be well-managed and that it will not diminish the high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

The TWU is especially grateful to Representatives DeGette and Cantwell for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. This legislation represents a crucial opportunity to renew investment in and stability to our national aviation system by renewing the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. For example, the measure modernizes the pilot rest standards by bringing them in line with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between employers. While we recognize the need for flexibility in some areas, we believe that this provision could lead to a dilution of the high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation consumers alike. We commend Representative Delaney and Senator Cantwell for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

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TWU International President
September 26, 2018

This morning, the TWU sent the letter below in support of H.R. 302, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. Click here to read more on the TWU website.

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (H.R. 302) and the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure for introducing this bipartisan legislation.

H.R. 302 strengthens national aviation security, promotes economic growth, builds a safe and efficient air transportation system, and ensures air service to all Americans.

This measure provides needed funding for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. These reforms include: improving the rest standards for flight deck crews and adopting the Minimum Rest Rule for air carriers, which provides for a minimum of 11 consecutive hours of rest and two days off per week. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and provides for comprehensive protection of frontline workers and passengers. It renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between entities. The TWU supports the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation industry stakeholders. We thank the leaders in Congress, including Representatives DeLauro and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
Twu International President
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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. The bill would extend the authorization of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. The bill would update and improve the policies for flight deck crews by strengthening and extending the minimum rest standards for flight deck crews. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, extends the pilot program for the integration of unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) into the national airspace, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between major airlines. While we recognize the need for flexibility in the repairman certificate system, it is critical that the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers be maintained. We will continue fighting to keep this provision in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation systems. We commend Chairman DeLauro and Senator Cantwell for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. As the TWU has stated before and as we continue to advocate for safer skies, the TWU recognizes the importance of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 in providing the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) with the necessary funding for critical infrastructure investments, research, and development to ensure continued safety, modernization, and a stable aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. For example, the bill would extend the minimum rest standards that apply to flight crew to all pilots in the cockpit. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between employers. The TWU believes that this provision would undermine existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation as a whole. We thank Representatives Shuster and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

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However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between ... existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation ... and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (H.R. 302), which provides renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system. The Administration requested passage of a bill extending the authorization for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. The measure eliminates the discrepancy in the rest and recovery requirements for flight deck crews between airline pilots and US Airways flight attendants. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, extends the authorization for the Essential Air Service Program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions. However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between states. The TWU supports maintaining the high standards required of aviation maintenance workers and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

The TWU is pleased that the bill would renew the Essential Air Service Program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions. We urge you to support H.R. 302, as it strengthens the US airline industry and ensures its continued safety, reliability, and efficiency.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation passengers. We extend our gratitude to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, led by Representatives Peter DeFazio and FrankLoBiondo, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (H.R. 302), which renews the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. These improvements include the revocation of the prohibition of in-flight voice calls, the establishment of the Airline Medical Escort program, and the requirement that air carriers adopt policies to accommodate service animals and emotional support animals. Additionally, the measure renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between aviation repair stations. This provision would undermine the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation management. We commend Representative Peter DeFazio, Richard Neal, Jack Kingston, and Maria Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 that renews a long-standing commitment to invest in and stabilize our national aviation system. As the airline industry continues to grow, it is more important than ever to ensure that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has the resources it needs to keep our skies safe and our communities connected.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. The measure modernizes our national airspace system and ensures that the FAA has the tools it needs to address emerging threats such as the use of unmanned aircraft systems in airspace.

This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews. The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between employers. While we support the spirit of the requirement to help maintain the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation infrastructure. We thank Representatives DeGette and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (H.R. 302). This bipartisan legislation seeks, for the first time in 10 years, to renew the Federal Aviation Administration’s (FAA) funding, providing it with the essential tools needed to maintain and grow our nation’s aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. It improves the current minimum rest standard for flight deck crews by mandating a minimum rest period of eight continuous hours between shifts, and increases the minimum rest period for flight deck crews reporting for duty at 1:00 a.m. or later. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between employers. This provision could undermine the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation systems. TWU commend Senators Warner and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. The bill provides stability to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. The bill strengthens the protections for flight deck crews by raising the minimum rest requirement from 9 to 11 hours. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and limits the use of stand-downs. The bill renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between aircraft manufacturers. The TWU believes that the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation customers. We would like to thank Representatives Cantwell, DeGette, and Eischen, and Representative Smith and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. Addressing aviation needs and modernizing the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) are crucial to ensuring the safety, accessibility, and economic stability of our national aviation system. This critical legislation will provide a strong base for the FAA to execute its mission to protect the public and enhance the efficiency of our national airspace system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. These measures include raising the minimum rest requirements for flight deck crew, which will provide much-needed increases in flight deck rest to ensure safety on the ground and while en route. The improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions. These provisions underscore the importance of protecting passengers, workers, and the integrity of essential services.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between different airlines. While we recognize the need to streamline processes and increase flexibility, we are concerned that this provision may lead to potential loopholes in the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation infrastructure. We thank Representatives Ocasio-Cortez and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

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TWU International President
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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018, which provides essential funding for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between airline maintenance providers. This provision will lower standards for field maintenance personnel, undermine the protections for quality maintenance provided by existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation service members, and we thank Representatives DeGette and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen

TWU International President
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Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. This legislation is a critical step forward in ensuring the safety and security of our nation’s aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. The measure raises the minimum rest standard for flight deck crews, ensuring that they are given proper rest before their next flight. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between carriers. While we recognize the importance of ensuring that aviation maintenance workers have the necessary credentials to work in different environments, we believe that the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers should be maintained. We will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation security. We appreciate the efforts of Representatives O’Halleran, Schatz, Cornyn, and Cantwell for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (H.R. 302) which was recently passed by the House of Representatives. The bill provides additional funding and support to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. The bill includes provisions that implement the prohibition of in-flight cell phone voice calls, which is a major improvement providing much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews. The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, provides authority to the FAA to establish smoke and fire detection standards in aircraft, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between airlines. While we support modernizing and streamlining the certification process for aviation maintenance workers, this provision would compromise the high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation operations. We would like to thank Representatives DeGette and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
September 26, 2018

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. As a priority for the TWU, we believe it is critical to secure a stable and sustainable source of funding for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for the next five years. The FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 would provide renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. The measure extends, without amendment, the minimum rest standards for flight deck crews that were enacted as part of the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act in 2015. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, requires pilots and trainees to be college graduates, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between carriers. This provision would create a significant loophole in the high standards we have achieved to ensure the quality of aviation maintenance workers. We support maintaining the current rules and policies for certifying aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation passengers. We encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. The TWU has long advocated for industry standards to be renewed and updated for a strong and safe aviation system. H.R. 302, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018, seeks to reauthorize the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews. The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between employers. This provision undermines existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation security. The TWU appreciates the work of Representatives DeLauro and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen

TWU International President
Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. The recently passed law extends the authority of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between carriers. This provision would undermine existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation. We extend our thanks to DOT officials, Congress, and Senator Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (H.R. 302), which was introduced by Representatives Peter DeFazio (D-OR) and David Schermerhorn (R-TN) and the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation on August 2, 2018. The FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 authorizes the FAA to receive and use funds for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. The improvements in the bill advance the minimum rest standards for flight deck crews by extending the rest period immediately following the completion of continuous duty by an additional 30 minutes. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, authorizes the FAA to provide grants to states and localities for airport infrastructure, renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between airlines. The TWU strongly opposes this provision as it weakens the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation. The TWU appreciates the leadership of Representatives DeFazio and Schermerhorn, and Senators Cantwell, Ayotte, Reed, and Vitter, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. This legislation modernizes the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. The bill requires the FAA to establish a rule requiring pilots to take a rest break for at least 10 consecutive hours after 16 hours of consecutive flight duty time, which is an increase from the current standard of 8 hours. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals on airplanes, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between employers. We believe that removing the restriction on portability of these certificates will undermine the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation operations. The TWU thanks Representatives Peter DeFazio, Mark Pocan, and Cathy McMorris Rodgers, and Senators Jeff Merkley, Lisa Murkowski, and Maria Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

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The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support ... renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

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Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation ... and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (H.R. 302), which is currently moving through Congress. The bill reauthorizes the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. For example, the bill requires the FAA to extend the minimum rest period that-flight crew members must undergo before flying again. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and includes provisions to protect and improve the safety of passengers. It renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between transportation companies. This provision would undermine existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation passengers. We urge you to support H.R. 302, especially in light of the serious threats to airline safety posed by the ongoing government shutdown. We thank Representatives美s and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

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Dear Representative:

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H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. For instance, the bill will require the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews. The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, pushes for improvements in the maintenance workforce, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between employers. The TWU supports maintaining existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation passengers. We thank Representatives DeGette and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. The bipartisan bill would authorize funding for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between airlines. We believe this provision could undermine existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation operations. We thank Representatives DeLauro, Florsheim, Moore, Emmer, and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. H.R. 302 extends the authorization of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and strengthens the Federal Aviation Administration’s (FAA) authority to inspect non-U.S. airline facilities. H.R. 302 renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between certified repair stations. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews. While it is important to ensure that aviation workers have the flexibility to continue their careers, the TWU firmly believes that any proposals that would erode or undermine the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation security. We thank Representatives Delaney, Larsen, and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. The bill would authorize funding for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. The measure contains important improvements to the minimum rest standards for flight deck crews, which establish required minimum rest periods between shifts and provide necessary breaks during the flight, improving the safety and well-being of flight attendants. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between airlines. This provision would undermine the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation systems. TWU thanks Senator Daines and Senator Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

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The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support, renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between certifying authorities. We believe that this provision would undermine the safety of aviation workers by lowering the standards below existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation. We thank our congressional colleagues, particularly Congressmen Ruiz and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (H.R. 302), which was introduced by Representatives DeLauro and Smith on March 27, 2018.

H.R. 302 addresses the need for continued investment in our national aviation system, ensuring that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has the resources necessary to maintain and improve safety standards. The legislation would provide the FAA with the authority to conduct a comprehensive review of the current pipeline of qualified maintenance and repair personnel, ensuring that those who keep our aviation system safe have access to quality training.

The measure also aims to improve aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. One such provision in H.R. 302 requires airlines to install secondary baggage screening systems to detect and prevent the passage of prohibited items, including liquids, explosives, and aviation-related hazardous materials. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between airlines. This provision has the potential to undermine the FAA’s efforts to ensure that aviation maintenance and repair workers meet the existing high standards required of such workers. As such, we will continue to fight to keep this provision in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation operations. We commend Representatives DeLauro and Smith, as well as Senators Cantwell and Grassley, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

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September 26, 2018

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However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between ... existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (H.R. 302). This important bill reauthorizes the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. The bill raises the minimum rest standard for flight attendants from 10 to 12 hours, providing additional benefits to ensure workers receive the rest they need to perform their duties safely. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals on flights, and provides for safety improvements involving transportation workers. In addition, the bill renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between companies, which would undermine the current system of training and certification that ensures a high level of safety and accountability. While the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers are an essential part of ensuring passenger safety, we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation systems. We are grateful to House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee members and the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, particularly Chairman Peter DeFazio, Representative Chellie Pingree, and Senator Maria Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. H.R. 302, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018, would extend the Federal Aviation Administration’s (FAA) authorization for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between airlines. As current legislation already recognizes airports that are not major hub airports and aviation maintenance workers, the TWU supports retaining the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation. We would like to thank Sens. Schumer and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. This bill renews FAA funding for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. For example, it provides for a mandated 11-hour minimum rest period for flight deck crews, which is a significant improvement over the existing 9-hour standard set by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals on flights, and allows public safety communications to have priority access to aviation radio frequencies. In addition, H.R. 302 renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between aircraft manufacturers. While we recognize the need for increased flexibility in the aviation maintenance workforce, we strongly believe in maintaining existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation operations. We applaud Representatives DeLauro, Obatake, and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

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September 26, 2018

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On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (H.R. 302) to renew funding for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. Specifically, the measure requires that airline employees receive additional paid rest days to address the demanding work schedules of flight deck crew.

This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and requires that airlines carry onboard medical bags. Additionally, the measure renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between airlines. This provision would undermine important safety standards and reduce the effectiveness of current regulations by allowing certification of personnel without the same existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation systems. We thank Representatives DeLauro and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (H.R. 302), which was introduced by U.S. Senators David Yemen and Lisa Murkowski. The TWU applauds the efforts of the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee and the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. This measure includes a key provision that would allow for pilots to get a rest break on every flight, which is a critical safety measure that the TWU has long supported. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between airlines. This provision would undermine the high standards required of aviation maintenance workers and risk the safety of passengers. We believe that the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers should remain in place and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation system. We appreciate the efforts of Sens. Yemen and Murkowski, and Rep. Peter DeFazio, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

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H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. ... This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support ... renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between ... existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation ... and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

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Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. This legislation re-authorizes funding for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. These improvements include the establishment of a new minimum rest standard for flight deck crews, which provides a common standard for the entire industry. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between employers. This provision could undermine existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation operations. We thank Representatives O’Halleran and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. The TWU is pleased to see the Administration’s strong support of this legislation, H.R. 302, which is a necessary step to modernize our nation’s aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. As TWU members have shared with you, our members who work on the flight deck are the last line of defense against a terrorist threat or other emergency on the aircraft. The proposed bill’s language establishing a more uniform standard for minimum rest periods for airline pilots is a welcomed improvement. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and requires airlines to develop plans to deal with unruly passengers. The TWU applauds these common-sense measures. The bill also renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between airlines. We urge you to oppose this provision. As a labor union, we are committed to ensuring the highest level of standards in the workplace. We support the Administration’s approach that requires that the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation security. We thank Ranking Member Frank G. Lucas and Senator Sherrod Brown, as well as Chairman Peter DeFazio and Senator Maria Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (H.R. 302), which the House of Representatives is expected to consider soon. This legislation improves aviation safety and security by expanding and strengthening critical standards and protecting the rights of American workers.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. Specifically, the bill strengthens the Federal Aviation Administration’s (FAA) authority to ensure the safety and security of all airline passengers, including the implementation of additional security measures to combat airport terrorism.

The measure also provides amendments to the Airline Deregulation Act of 1978 by revising the liability standards for passengers and crew members injured on flights. The legislation clarifies the liability standard for airline passengers and crew members injured on flights and addresses the potential for liability for damages resulting from the negligence of airline employees.

This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between employers. This provision would undermine and weaken the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation security. I urge you to join my colleague, Senator Sherrod Brown, and I, Senator Maria Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. This bill is critical to the safety, efficiency, and economic vitality of America’s aviation system.

The bill is a vote of confidence in the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and its Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. This is particularly important as the Department of Transportation’s Inspector General recently revealed that the FAA’s ‘rest rules’ are outdated and needed a serious update.

This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, maintains the minimum flight crew rest standards, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between carriers. This provision would undermine the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation service to passengers. We thank Congressmen Delaney and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (H.R. 302). This bill would reauthorize the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. It strengthens rules and regulations regarding overworking, which are critical to safety. For example, the measure addresses concerns about the mandatory minimum rest period for pilots by requiring a 48-hour rest period for pilots who have flown an overnight flight segment. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, reinforces airline reporting requirements, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between employers, as it would undermine existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation operations. For these reasons, we strongly encourage you to support H.R. 302, to vote Yes on the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. We wish to thank you, and Senator Jeanne Shaheen and Senator Susan Collins, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 ... Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. ... This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support ... renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between ... existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation ... and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (H.R. 302). The bill authorizes the government to make investments in the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. The measure establishes a consistent 10-hour minimum rest period for flight attendants. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, expands the national Voluntary Grounding Program, promotes the national air quality, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between companies. This provision would impair the ability of the FAA to ensure the safety of our aviation system by undermining existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation. We urge you to support this important legislation.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. This bill is a testament to the bipartisan commitment of the 115th Congress to protecting the interests of frontline workers and passengers. The Administration and Senate have fashioned a bill that renews the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. The bill improves flight standards for flight attendants, strengthens the process for investigating and resolving complaints of sexual harassment, and provides for additional enforcement capacity for the FAA’s Office of Inspector General. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, strengthens the reporting of in-flight incidents, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between employers. This provision divides the union regarding the existing standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation. We are grateful to Representatives DeLauro and Cantwell for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. This legislation includes measures that are critical to improve our nation’s aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. The bill includes a provision that requires the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to study the impact of altering current flight attendance policy, including the potential for application of current limits to non-scheduled air transportation systems. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between airlines. While we appreciate the importance of workforce mobility, these certificates currently reflect high training and testing standards that are an essential part of our system of accountability. The measure does not allow for the dilution of these standards.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation operations. We thank you and Senators Daines and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. The TWU appreciated the opportunity to provide input on this legislation.

H.R. 302, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018, provides a sensible and comprehensive approach for the Department of Transportation (DOT) and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. It reforms the pilot duty hours rules by raising the minimum amount of rest an aircraft must receive before the pilot can be assigned to another flight. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between states. We believe this change reduces the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation passengers. We thank Representative Delaney and Senator Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
This morning, the TWU sent the letter below in support of H.R. 302, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. Click here to read more on the TWU website.

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (H.R. 302), which will reauthorize the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. The measure makes significant improvements by increasing the minimum flight crew rest, ensuring that the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) has the authority to perform investigations, and implements the 2016 Final Rule that advances the safety of flight crews by implementing a 12-hour maximum work limit and the 70-hour weekly limit. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals on board, which are violations of passenger and crew rights and safety. The bill renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between carriers. This provision could undermine the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation passengers. We thank Representatives DeGette and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
This morning, the TWU sent the letter below in support of H.R. 302, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018.

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018, which recently passed the House of Representatives. This legislation provides the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) with funding and stability for the next five years, enabling the FAA to continue its mission to promote aeronautical safety and efficiency.

The bill authorizes the FAA’s operations for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability for our national aviation system. H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. It builds on the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews by requiring the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to establish initial and recurrent rest requirements for flight operations.

This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between airlines. This provision would undermine the integrity of the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation operations. We thank members of Congress, including Congressmen Tom Castor and Mark Pocan, and Senators Kamala Harris, Sherrod Brown, and Mark Warner, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. The bill, as introduced by Reps. Peter DeFazio (D-OR) and Richard Hudson (R-NC), makes necessary improvements to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. For example, the measure changes the Federal Aviation Regulations (FARs) to require at least ten hours of sleep for flight deck crew members before their duty begins. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between airlines. We strongly believe that any changes to the repairman certificate program should be done in consultation with the aviation industry and the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB). The existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation security. We urge you to support the measure and to thank Congressmen DeFazio and Hudson, along with Senators Ayotte and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (H.R. 302). The bill authorizes funding for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. For example, the bill will phase in a new rule requiring flight attendants to receive additional flight time off before and after their rest period, which will provide these workers with a much-needed break. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, provides for paid leave during child-care emergencies, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between employers. This provision is an unnecessary distraction from the FAA’s existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation passengers, and we commend Congresswoman Brownfield, Congressman DeFazio, Senator Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen

TWU International President
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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. The bill renews the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. It improves the rest period standards for flight deck crewmembers for the first time in over a decade. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals on board, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between airlines. Removing this provision would not lower the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation operations. We are grateful to Representatives de la Riva, Cantwell, and Engel for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
This morning, the TWU sent the letter below in support of H.R. 302, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. Click here to read more on the TWU website.

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018, which extends funding for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. The measure increases the minimum rest period for flight deck crews, which will improve their physical and mental well-being and ultimately enhance safety. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals on flights, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between employers. This change would undermine the high standards required of aviation maintenance workers and could compromise safety. We believe this provision is unnecessary and potentially harmful to the safety of the aviation system.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation infrastructure. We commend Representatives DeLauro, Eshoo, Grimm, Guinta, DeLay, Lee, Andrade, and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

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TWU International President

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. The bill reauthorizes and renews the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. The bill includes provisions to standardize and extend the minimum rest period for flight crew, providing an 8-hour rest period between shifts. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, establishes a safety improvement fund, extends the cap on the FAA’s debt authority, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between airlines. The TWU believes that this provision undermines the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation passengers. We commend you, Congresswoman Katleen Castenada Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
This morning, the TWU sent the letter below in support of H.R. 302, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. Click here to read more on the TWU website.

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018, as introduced by Representatives Frank L. McKinney and Lisa M. Murkowski and Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation Chairman John Thune and Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation Ranking Member Maria Cantwell. The bill reauthorizes the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. It increases the minimum rest period for flight deck crew to 11 hours, addressing an increasingly common practice that can significantly affect safety and health. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, requires the renewal of the authority to transport highly radioactive materials by air, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between employers. We are concerned that this provision would undermine the high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation passengers. We are grateful to Representatives McKinney and Murkowski, Senators Thune and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen

TWU International President
Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. This measure includes language that would extend the authority of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. One of the improvements in H.R. 302 is reauthorizing the minimum rest standards for flight deck crews. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and extends the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between employers. While we support the idea of portable licenses, we would like to see the standard maintained at the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation systems. We would like to thank Congressmen Shuster and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen

TWU International President
September 26, 2018

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. This reauthorization is critical for renewing the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews. The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between facilities. This provision would undermine existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place. Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation operations.

We thank Representatives DeGette and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
This morning, the TWU sent the letter below in support of H.R. 302, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. Click here to read more on the TWU website.

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (H.R. 302). This bill will renew the Federal Aviation Administration’s (FAA) authority for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. The bill would require airlines to provide 10 hours of paid leave annually for mental health and substance abuse treatment for crew members. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals on board, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between airlines. The TWU recognizes the importance of maintaining the highest possible level of aviation safety and is concerned that this provision could undermine the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation security. The TWU thanks Representative DeLauro and Senator Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
This morning, the TWU sent the letter below in support of H.R. 302, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. Click here to read more on the TWU website.

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018, which reauthorizes the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. For example, the bill strengthens federal law that requires a minimum of 10 consecutive hours of rest before a flight deck crewmember can begin their workday. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and extends the period of in-flight use of tissue paper and magazines. This bill renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between airlines. We strongly believe that high standards required of aviation maintenance workers should not be compromised, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation system. For that reason, we thank Representatives Degette and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. H.R. 302, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018, would provide a long-term extension of the Federal Aviation Administration’s (FAA) authority for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. The measure ensures that pilots, flight attendants, and maintenance mechanics receive the same minimum rest standards for flight deck crews and ground crews, which improves safety and allows our industry to continue growing.

This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews. The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between aviation-related employers. This provision could lower the current high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation infrastructure. We commend Representative DeLauro and Senator Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
This morning, the TWU sent the letter below in support of H.R. 302, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018.

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018, which renews the Federal Aviation Administration’s (FAA) authorization for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. The bill takes a significant step forward by raising minimum rest standards for flight attendants and advancing the authorities of the Employee Assistance Plan to investigate and resolve workplace conflicts. In addition, this improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between employers. As the TWU and the industry have worked to improve the skills and qualifications of the workforce, this provision would erode the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation passengers. We applaud you and Ranking Member Markwayne Mullen for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
This morning, the TWU sent the letter below in support of H.R. 302, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. Click here to read more on the TWU website.

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (H.R. 302). The act is a much-needed renewal of federal aviation policy. Expired programs need to be reauthorized, additional direct funding is required to support the national aviation system, and additional flexibility is needed for key programs.

The bill provides $33.6 billion in new funding over five years, with the potential for $10 billion in new funding over the same period. This funding will support the civil aviation system, promote innovation and investment, and advance aviation safety and security improvements.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. Three key provisions advance this cause: the phase-out of油耗-open cockpit noise standards, the requirement for electronic flight bag support in-flight, and the elimination of the current minimum rest standard for flight deck crews. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between the FAA and Transport Canada. The TWU supports the high standards of the Transport Canada Repairman certificate, and we will continue to fight to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation operations. The TWU thanks Reps. DeLauro and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
September 26, 2018

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (H.R. 302), which will provide the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) with five more years of funding. The bill authorizes the Administration for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews. The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between airlines. This provision would undermine the current requirements for aviation maintenance workers and reduce the credibility of our existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation customers. We want to thank Representatives Schrier and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen

TWU International President
This morning, the TWU sent the letter below in support of H.R. 302, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018.

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 ... Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. ... This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support ... renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between ... existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation ... and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (H.R. 302). The bill represents a critical opportunity to strengthen our national aviation system through increased investment in aviation safety and infrastructure.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. The bill would provide permanent funding for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and strengthens the law against sexual assaults in flight. Additionally, the bill improves the minimum rest requirements for flight crew members, which was expanded in 2017 but with a one-year delay for implementation. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also includes a provision that would make Repairman certificates portable between companies, allowing greater flexibility for aviation maintenance workers. However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of this provision, as it could undermine the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation infrastructure, and it is a priority for TWU members. We thank Representatives DeGette and Cantwell for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TwU International President
Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. As the TWU salutes the Administration for its FY2019 budget proposal, which includes a request for $18.9 billion for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), we express our support for H.R. 302, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. It will provide the FAA with the resources needed to maintain and upgrade its infrastructure and equipment. For example, this improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between employers. We strongly believe that this provision, if adopted, will undermine the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation infrastructure and equipment. We would like to thank Representatives Degette, Diaconu, and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

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TWU International President
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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018, which would reauthorize the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. The bill mandates higher minimum rest standards for flight deck crews, which was previously opposed by the Department of Transportation (DOT) and the FAA.

This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between airlines. This provision would undermine the high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation passengers. We thank Representatives DeLauro and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
September 26, 2018

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. This legislation reauthorizes the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. This provision increases the minimum rest requirements for flight deck crews from 10 to 11 hours, providing a critical safety improvement. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals on board aircraft, and authorizes funding for the Next Generation Air Transportation System (NextGen). This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also includes provisions to improve airport accessibility, support small communities, and enhance the safety and efficiency of air travel. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between airlines and maintenance facilities. This provision weakens the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation security. We thank Representatives DeGette and Perdue, and Senators Durbin and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

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TWU International President
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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. H.R. 302 reauthorizes FAA for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews. The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between airlines. This provision would undermine the high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation workers. We thank Representatives DeGette, Cartwright, Loebsack, Driscoll, and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. This legislation is critical for ensuring a safe and efficient national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. It also strengthens the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

The measure includes improvements to the minimum rest standards for flight deck crews. It also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between operators. This provision could undermine the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation operations. We commend Representatives DeGette and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. This bill would provide essential funding for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. For example, the bill strengthens standards for pilots and flight attendants by requiring a minimum of one uninterrupted sleep period per day. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and requires the FAA to issue regulations for robots and drones to fly in national airspace. In addition, this bill renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between employers. The TWU believes that portable certificates could undermine the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation system. We thank Representatives DeGette and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

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John Samuelsen
TWU International President
This morning, the TWU sent the letter below in support of H.R. 302, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018.

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (H.R. 302) which is set for a vote in the U.S. Senate on September 26, 2018.

The bill is a comprehensive, bipartisan proposal that will provide a pathway for making the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) reauthorization legislation permanent for the first time since 2010. The TWU is pleased to see the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 includes a five-year reauthorization of the FAA, which will provide important stability for the nation’s aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. The bill includes a provision that strengthens pilot critical duty and rest requirements, including the establishment of minimum rest standards for flight deck crews. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between employers. This provision undermines the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation passengers. We want to thank Senator Schumer, Senator Grassley, Senator Alexander, Senator Stabenow, Senator Nelson, Senator Ayotte, and Senator Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. The new legislation will provide a significant investment in our national aviation system by reauthorizing the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, offering renewed investment and stability.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews. The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between airlines. While we appreciate the high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation passengers. We commend Representatives DeGette and Cantwell for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. This legislation reauthorizes the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. The bill includes a provision that increases the rest period for flight deck crew members, ensuring that flight crews receive the same rest as ground crews, thereby reducing the risk of fatigue-related accidents. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, establishes the Surgeon General and Transportation Secretary as Aviation Safety Advisors, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between the FAA and National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB). This provision reduces the current qualifications and existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation consumers. We appreciate the collaboration and leadership of Senators Schumer and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
This morning, the TWU sent the letter below in support of H.R. 302, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. Click here to read more on the TWU website.

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. During the current Administration, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has worked diligently to achieve the goals laid out in the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012. It is time to build on that momentum by renewing the FAA’s commitments for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. The bill requires the FAA to issue regulations to establish a minimum rest standard for flight deck crews of 11 hours, which improves safety and gives our flight attendants much-needed parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, and makes other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between carriers, because it would not achieve the necessary improvements to aviation safety and would make it easier for unauthorized repairmen to access aircraft. The TWU supports the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation infrastructure. We recognize the hard work of Representatives Schapelle Correa and Cathy McMorris Rodgers for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. H.R. 302 is a vital piece of legislation that will provide the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) with the resources it needs to ensure the safety and reliability of our nation’s aviation system for the next five years.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. The bill includes a number of key provisions, such as the elimination of the 100-hour rule, which will reduce therest requirements for flight attendants and improve their safety. Additionally, the bill includes important reforms that will improve the training and certification of aviation maintenance workers, ensuring that they are equipped to maintain the safety of our nation’s aircraft.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals on flights, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions. These provisions will help to ensure that our nation’s aviation system remains safe and reliable for all passengers.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between employers. This provision could undermine the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation customers. We thank Representatives McCaul and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen

TWU International President
Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. The TWU supports this legislation because it renews the Federal Aviation Administration’s (FAA) authorization for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. For example, the bill strengthens minimum rest requirements for flight deck crew members by eliminating the exception for international flights. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between airlines. The TWU has always supported the ability of aviation maintenance workers to remain employed when changing employers. The bill’s intent is to lower certification requirements for aviation maintenance workers, which we believe would lower the standards required. We will continue fighting to keep the current high standards required of aviation maintenance workers in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation service to passengers. We thank Representatives DeFazio and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. The reauthorization of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews. The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between operators, potentially undermining existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation. We appreciate the hard work of Chairman DeFazio, Representative Waltz, Senator Nelson, and Senator Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
This morning, the TWU sent the letter below in support of H.R. 302, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. Click here to read more on the TWU website.

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. This legislation seeks to provide comprehensive renewal of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. For example, the bill revises the Federal Aviation Administration Act, which renews the minimum rest standards for flight deck crews. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between employers. While we support retaining the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation. We thank Congresswoman Scherennial, Senator Flake, Congresswoman Massie, and Senator Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
This morning, the TWU sent the letter below in support of H.R. 302, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. Click here to read more on the TWU website.

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (H.R. 302), which has been passed by the House of Representatives and is expected to be considered by the Senate. The TWU applauds the bipartisan efforts of the leadership of the House Transportation Committee, led by Representative Peter DeFazio (D-OR) and Representative Bill Shuster (R-PA), for producing a comprehensive and bipartisan bill.

H.R. 302 makes important improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. The measure would adopt the Administration’s proposed standard of 11 hours between rest periods for flight deck crewmembers, in line with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crew of every other mode of transportation. The measure also requires that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) develop a rule that addresses this disparity in regulations. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals on the flight deck, increases the penalties for interfering with airline crewmembers, and requires airlines to report all in-flight unruly passenger incidents to the Department of Transportation. In addition, the measure renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between airlines. This is a significant concern as it would undermine the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place. Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation passengers. The TWU thanks Senators Smith and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
September 26, 2018

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018, which is currently before the House of Representatives. This legislation would authorize the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. The improvements to flight crew rest rules are an example of such policies. The bill strengthens the current minimum rest standard for flight deck crews by issuing the FAA with authority to set a new mandatory minimum of 11 consecutive hours of off-duty time for flight crew members. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between carriers, which could undermine existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation security. We commend Senators McConnell and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen

TWU International President

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H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. ... This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support ... renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between ... existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation ... and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. The act is a five-year reauthorization of the FAA, which is critical for the long-term health of our aviation system. The bill provides much-needed renewed investment in the FAA and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. The bill increases mandatory training hours for flight deck crew and requires airline pilots to meet the minimum rest standards of the Department of Labor. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, mandates a national database of human remains in unclaimed aircraft, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between carriers. This provision would undermine the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation systems across the United States. We thank Representative Smith and Senator Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between employers. We believe this provision would erode existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation operations. We thank Representatives De Lauro and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

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TWU International President
September 26, 2018

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H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. ... This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support ... renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between ... existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation ... and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen

TWU International President
This morning, the TWU sent the letter below in support of H.R. 302, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. Click here to read more on the TWU website.

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. H.R. 302 reauthorizes the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. This includes the expansion of the minimum rest standards for flight deck crews, which will give flight attendants another hour of required rest. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between airlines. As a result, we believe that experience will no longer be a metric for qualification, which would result in the lowering of the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation. We commend Reps. Delahunt and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen

TWU International President
This morning, the TWU sent the letter below in support of H.R. 302, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. Click here to read more on the TWU website.

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 ... Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. ... This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support ... renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between ... existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation ... and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
This morning, the TWU sent the letter below in support of H.R. 302, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. Click here to read more on the TWU website.

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (H.R. 302). This bipartisan legislation addresses some of the most pressing issues facing the aviation industry.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. It strengthens the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews. The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between airlines. Many in our membership have invested years in training and experience that we believe are critical to ensuring that the nation’s aviation system remains safe. We support the goal of improving safety, but we strongly believe that the standards currently in place are necessary to protect the American public.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation systems. We commend Representatives DeLauro and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
This morning, the TWU sent the letter below in support of H.R. 302, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. Click here to read more on the TWU website.

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018, introduced by Representatives DeFazio and Dombrowski. The bill would provide $30.5 billion in funding for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. It would increase the minimum rest standards for flight deck crews, effective on January 1, 2021. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals on flights, and renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between employers, which goes beyond the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation services. We would like to thank Representatives DeFazio and Dombrowski, Senators Cantwell and Murray, and the Administration for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
TWU International President
Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. As the leading voice of air transportation workers, the TWU is committed to ensuring that the FAA has the tools and resources necessary to maintain the nation’s aviation safety and security. By passing H.R. 302, Congress will provide the FAA with necessary and stable funding for the next five years, allowing it to continue its vital work.

H.R. 302 includes a number of improvements to aviation safety and security. These improvements include:

- Advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers.
- Implementing a minimum rest standard for flight attendants, which is long overdue. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.
- Ban on in-flight cell phone voice calls.
- Requirements for the regulation of service animals and emotional support animals on aircraft.
- Reinvestment in the Essential Air Service program, which supports air service to small communities.

Although we appreciate the efforts of the leadership of this session to bring the FAA Reauthorization Act to the floor, we are disappointed by the inclusion of a provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between airlines. This provision would undermine the existing high standards required of aviation maintenance workers, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite this provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation security. We commend Representatives Deutch and Cantwell, among others, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), I write in support of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. The TWU encourages Congress to fully fund the FAA for five years, providing renewed investment in and stability to our national aviation system.

H.R. 302 makes improvements to aviation safety by advancing policy reforms that protect frontline workers and passengers. This includes the addition of at least 420 additional flight attendants to the FAA’s dedicated aviation employee health and safety unit, as well as the extension of the minimum rest standards for flight deck crews. This improvement provides much-needed and deserved parity with the existing minimum rest standards for flight deck crews.

The measure also bans in-flight cell phone voice calls, requires regulation of service animals and emotional support animals, renews the Essential Air Service program that supports air service to small communities, among other positive provisions.

However, we are disappointed by the inclusion of the provision that seeks to make Repairman certificates portable between employers. While we support simplifying these requirements, we believe it is important to maintain a standard of excellence in aviation maintenance, and we will continue fighting to keep them in place.

Despite that provision, this bill does take major steps forward to improve the safety of frontline workers and aviation system. The TWU would like to thank Representatives Delgado and Cantwell, for producing a bipartisan bill, and we encourage you to vote Yes on H.R. 302 when it comes for a vote.

Sincerely,

John Samuelsen
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