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The Honorable James M. Inhofe
United States Senate
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Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Tammy Duckworth
United States Senate
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Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Inhofe and Duckworth:

As representatives of hundreds of thousands of individuals, companies, schools, and other entities involved in all segments of aviation and aerospace, we are writing to express our strong support for your legislation that would create a National Center for the Advancement of Aviation (NCAA).

We strongly support the creation of a national, independent forum to facilitate collaboration and cooperation between all sectors of aviation and aerospace stakeholders and related partners to coordinate, promote, and support the future of aviation. In particular, we value the National Center's focus on four key areas: aviation and aerospace STEM curriculum; workforce development, economic and safety data and research sharing, and being a forum for cross-disciplinary collaboration.

The NCAA created by your legislation would ensure that the United States remains a global aviation and aerospace leader in a number of ways. First, it would support education efforts and provide resources to curriculum developers so educators at all levels have the tools and training to educate the next generation of aviation professionals. Second, it would serve as a collaborative forum to leverage and share expertise amongst all industry sectors, including empowering the dissemination of existing high school education curriculum in aviation and aerospace programs. Third, it would be a central repository for economic and safety data research and analysis that will enable a collaborative industry to foresee issues and respond proactively. Finally, it would support symposiums and conferences to facilitate cross-disciplinary collaboration across aviation and aerospace communities.

We greatly appreciate your leadership in introducing this important and much needed legislation. It will ensure a collaborative process to promote our industry and to assist in the development of the next generation of aviation and aerospace workers. Together, with the NCAA, we can meet the challenges of today and those in the future.

Sincerely,