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Dear Representative,

On behalf of the 2,500-plus professional flight deck crewmembers who fly in the service of NetJets Aviation, Inc., I am writing to you today to express the NetJets Association of Shared Aircraft Pilots (NJASAP) support for H.R. 4, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. This inclusive measure is not only a definitive step toward modernizing our National Airspace System, but also to ensuring fair competition across all sectors of the aviation industry. For this and the many reasons outlined below, we support the legislation's passage and encourage you to vote in favor of the measure.

More specifically, NJASAP strongly supports Section 517, which would establish an FAA Aviation Rulemaking Committee to review and to provide recommendations to update pilot rest and duty rules for FAR Part 135 operators. Because these rules for the on-demand charter sector of the aviation industry have not been updated in more than 60 years, my Association was very pleased to confirm this language was included in H.R. 4. Unlike our Part 121 counterparts, pilots in our industry sector do not currently enjoy the benefit of duty and rest rules based on the latest scientific data regarding, as one example, fatigue mitigation. What is more, this vital provision will ensure NJASAP has a voice in the development of this long overdue update, which has topped the Association's legislative agenda for a decade.

Additionally, H.R. 4 contains provisions with the capacity to enhance aviation safety and security across the industry by, for example, requiring the automatic acceptance of Aviation Safety Action Program reports into the program and addressing the hazards posed by lithium ion batteries. Moreover, the Association applauds the inclusion of Section 530 that would prevent so-called "flags-of-convenience" air carriers from gaining a foothold in the domestic marketplace. We view this provision as vital to maintaining a level playing field by requiring full compliance with international agreements governing access to U.S. skies.

Although NJASAP, like many of our fellow aviation labor peers, opposes Section 744 that would convene a study into the concept of a single pilot operating commercial cargo aircraft, we support the legislation's passage. The enhancements to aviation safety and security contained within the bill will benefit American aviation workers and the flying public. The NJASAP Membership asks you to support the legislation when it is scheduled for a vote in your chamber.

Kindest regards,

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