

April 23, 2018

Representative Bill Shuster  
Chairman, Transportation and Infrastructure Committee  
United States House of Representatives  
2268 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Representative Peter DeFazio  
Ranking Member, Transportation and Infrastructure Committee  
United States House of Representatives  
2134 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Shuster and Ranking Member DeFazio:

CTIA, NAB, WIA, CCA, and NATE, representing the U.S. communications industry and companies throughout the ecosystem, write to express our strong support for H.R. 4, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018, and urge the House of Representatives to approve this legislation.

H.R. 4 includes important language offered by Representative David Rouzer that was unanimously adopted by the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee last summer. This language provides an important clarification to the 2016 FAA reauthorization (P.L. 114-190) related to the marking of certain telecommunications towers. Specifically, it clarifies that covered towers shall be marked or entered into a de-identified database. Absent changes made by this language, our industry will face significant economic impacts without a corresponding increase in safety. H.R. 4 ensures the safety of agricultural pilots without requiring unnecessary and potentially hazardous tower climbs by the communications industry.

We urge members to support the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018, oppose any amendments that seek to weaken this vital provision, and we look forward to continuing our collaborative work to enact these important changes into law.

Sincerely,

