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Chairman Bill Shuster  
2079 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Shuster:

On behalf of Atlas Air, a leading provider of outsourced aviation services around the globe, I am writing to express our support for H.R. 4, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018, and urge bipartisan support for the measure. H.R. 4 would reauthorize the programs of the Federal Aviation Administration and provide important reforms to ensure the long-term stability and security of our nation's aviation system.

Starting with one plane in 1992, Atlas Air has grown to a fleet of more than 100 Boeing aircraft—including the world's largest fleet of Boeing 747 freighters. We fly to 425 destinations in 119 countries. Not only are we a key player in an industry that is expected to triple in the next 20 years, we are also a proud partner with our Nation's military, providing essential logistical support to our men and women in uniform.

The aviation system here in the United States is the busiest in the world. On average, every day the system operates 27,000 flights per day and carries 50,000 tons of cargo as well as 2 million passengers daily, and traffic continues to grow. As such, aviation in the United States is a vital sector of our nation's economy that supports millions of jobs. Our economy very much depends on safe, reliable, efficient and affordable air transportation.

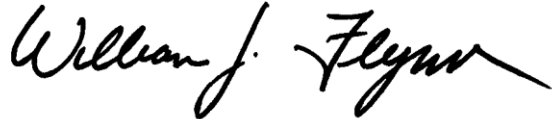
Efforts to maintain and reform this system have been complicated by ongoing budget uncertainties at the FAA. Repeated reliance by Congress on continuing resolutions and short-term reauthorizations have continued to hamper this agency including the effective implementation of high-priority modernization efforts, such as the NextGen program. To date, passengers, shippers, and aircraft operators have realized few benefits from this initiative. This is why passage of H.R. 4 is so critical. This legislation will move us closer to a more stable aviation system that maintains and enhances our current levels of safety, while also allowing us to keep pace with advances in technology and the ever-increasing number of passenger and cargo flights that rely upon this system.

We are disappointed that the H.R. 4 does not include a long-overdue provision to modernize our nation's antiquated air traffic control system, however we believe this legislation is critical to eliminating the budgetary uncertainty that is impeding the management and

development of innovative air traffic controls. I urge your colleagues to support H.R. 4 in order to provide stability to our aviation system and increase air travel efficiency.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William J. Flynn". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

William J. Flynn  
President & Chief Executive Officer