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ARSA'S LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

The Aeronautical Repair Station Association's (ARSA) robust legislative program works to protect industry interests and improve markets for civil aviation products and services. The goal is to prevent unnecessary legislation from becoming burdensome regulation. This is done by educating Congress and through direct lobbying.

ARSA's regulatory knowledge and access to technical expertise is used to educate Congress on the effect legislation will have in the aviation community, from airlines to mechanics. This expertise also allows ARSA to remain non-partisan in an increasingly political environment.

The key element of ARSA's legislative program is education, which we accomplish by:

- Working with industry allies to advance the goals of the aviation design, production and maintenance industry.
- Conducting an annual "Legislative Day", allowing ARSA members to personally meet with members of Congress and staff.
- Keeping members up to date through alerts, publications and the Web sites.
- Easing member communications with Representatives and Senators.
- Facilitating visits by members of Congress and their staff to member facilities in order to better understand how the industry operates.
- Maintaining a grassroots Web site, www.ARSAAction.org, where members can send letters to Capitol Hill on important topics in just minutes.
- Managing ARSA PAC, which supports candidates who hold a favorable view towards the maintenance industry.
- Printing articles in *the hotline* to educate members on who Congress is and how it works.

The other important element of the legislative program is our lobbying effort. Any time ARSA directly influences legislation, it is prohibited from using your non-tax deductible membership dues to finance these efforts. Therefore ARSA has a separate account for personal and corporate contributions used to support lobbying. ARSA's lobbying efforts have become ever more important as Congress examines the aviation maintenance industry, and pushes for increased security and oversight of repair stations domestically and overseas.

The key to ARSA's lobbying efforts is influencing legislation. This is done by:

- Drafting legislation for Congressional staff to ease the effects of proposals on the industry.
- Sending out special alerts urging members to communicate with their congressional representatives.
- Directly communicating with lawmakers and staff in an attempt to advance, or prohibit, legislation from being passed.