

## Your Eyes and Ears in Washington

ARSA is the aviation maintenance industry's voice in the halls of Congress. The association's robust legislative efforts complement our renowned regulatory expertise as our team tirelessly fights for your interests on Capitol Hill. Our top priority is ensuring that aviation policy is based on facts, not fear. New laws and regulations should genuinely improve safety without micromanaging or undermining industry competitiveness. The association's legislative team ensures that members of Congress understand the consequences of their actions and keeps you informed about what is happening in Washington. We do this by:

- Engaging lawmakers in our nation's capital and their home states;
- Encouraging grassroots action and involvement from ARSA members;
- Raising the legislative and regulatory profile of the aviation maintenance industry;
- Offering technical and legal expertise to analyze and respond to government actions; and
- Promoting the industry's benefits and safety record among key audiences.

## Legislative Priorities - 112th Congress Protecting the Aviation Maintenance Industry in FAA Reauthorization

ARSA opposes the enactment of legislation that would inhibit overseas maintenance of U.S.-registered aircraft and related components by FAA certificated repair stations. Restrictive action by Congress is unnecessary given the strict oversight of foreign facilities by the FAA, other national aviation authorities, airline customers, and the repair stations themselves. In addition, such action will have damaging repercussions for domestic aviation maintenance companies competing in the international aviation marketplace.

## Ensuring Congress Understands the Facts about Aviation Safety

When dealing with aviation safety, some would rather use fear than fact as the basis for law. Recent legislative proposals suggest that many on Capitol Hill do not understand the aviation industry. These bills have the common goal of scaring the public while, if

enacted, placing undue burdens on safety-conscious businesses. The reality is that certificated entities worldwide perform work of unsurpassed quality, adhere to uniform standards and rules, and have a robust safety record. ARSA continues to educate the public, policymakers, and the media on the exemplary safety record of the aviation maintenance industry.

## Giving the FAA and TSA the Money to Do the Job Right

As a heavily regulated industry, the aviation community needs to ensure agencies such as the FAA and Transportation Security Administration (TSA) receive the resources they need to provide oversight and rulemaking. Congress' failure to provide adequate funding for inspectors means that oversight will take longer and be less efficient, ultimately undermining the competitiveness of the U.S. aviation industry. Meanwhile, Congress continues to push TSA on aviation safety issues, yet has not given it the proper resources. ARSA calls on Congress to adequately fund these agencies to prevent companies from being disadvantaged by administrative delays.

## Developing an Aviation Technical Workforce

The aviation maintenance industry faces a shortage of qualified, trained technical workers. Congress must channel resources to the training and hiring of a new generation of workers to maintain the high quality of U.S. civil aviation. Steps must be taken now to prevent an industry-wide shortage. The reauthorization of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) presents an excellent opportunity to train the future workers and leaders of the aviation industry.

## Supporting Small Business Growth

ARSA is continually promoting pro-growth tax policies and is vigilant for threats and opportunities impacting small businesses. ARSA has been vigorously supporting repeal of the three percent government contractor withholding tax scheduled to take effect in 2012 and continues to



support efforts to improve small business protections under the Regulatory Flexibility Act. ARSA is also committed to protecting the rights of employees and employers and opposes efforts to take away the democratic rights of employees or subject them to intimidation. Overall, the association is constantly working with lawmakers to create an environment conducive for economic growth and job creation and protect repair stations from regulations that unnecessarily drive up costs of doing business.

## The Keys to Success

ARSA members are the key to successfully achieving the association's legislative goals. While we tirelessly fight for your interests in Washington, it is critical that lawmakers hear from "the folks back home." You reinforce the association's message and fly home the local value of aviation maintenance.

**To learn more and become more involved, visit our  
grassroots action site: [www.ARSAAction.org](http://www.ARSAAction.org)**



## About ARSA

Founded in 1984, ARSA is an international trade association with a distinguished history of educating and representing certificated aviation maintenance and alteration facilities before the U.S. Congress, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA), and other national aviation authorities. Through ARSA, the

industry speaks with a single voice to lawmakers, regulators, and the media.

## ARSA's Role In the Industry

As the only association devoted to serving the unique needs of civil aviation maintenance, ARSA helps policymakers develop laws and regulations that reflect industry realities and craft safety standards that are clear, concise, consistent, and uniformly applied. Additionally, the association educates the public, the media, lawmakers, and government officials about the industry's exemplary safety record and economic impact across the globe.

As part of its mission to aid the industry in achieving the highest level of safety, ARSA works to:

- Help its members understand and comply with government regulations;
- Raise the profile of the aviation maintenance industry and promote its benefits among key audiences;
- Provide policy guidance and technical and legal expertise to lawmakers and regulators;
- Promote and defend the safety record and value of aviation maintenance in the media;
- Represent the industry before Congress, U.S. federal agencies, and international regulatory bodies;
- Encourage grassroots action and involvement from ARSA members; and
- Ensure that regulations and policies are uniformly and fairly applied both in the United States and elsewhere.

ARSA's members and staff are proud of the contribution we make to the aviation industry and the safety of the flying public.

## The Aviation Maintenance Industry

Certificated repair stations provide expert, quality service for general and commercial aircraft owners and operators. Through the skill and care of their employees, ARSA member facilities help ensure the safety of aircraft worldwide. For ARSA members, safety is the top priority—good safety is good business.

ARSA's members are an important part of an industry that generates over \$39.1 billion in economic activity in the United States. North America is a major net exporter of aviation maintenance services, enjoying a \$2.4 billion positive balance of trade. According to a recent economic study commissioned by ARSA, the industry employs more than 274,634 American workers in all 50 states.

U.S. repair stations support European and international aviation. There are over 1,200 EASA-certificated repair stations in the United States performing work on European Union-registered aircraft and related components. Many U.S. repair stations hold certificates from other national aviation authorities that allow them to work on aircraft from a variety of countries.

U.S. air carriers also depend on FAA certificated foreign repair stations to support overseas operations and improve efficiencies. There are over 600 FAA-certificated international maintenance facilities worldwide authorized to work on U.S.-registered aircraft.



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