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The Honorable John Mica  
Chairman, Transportation & Infrastructure  
Committee  
2165 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nick Rahall  
Ranking Member, Transportation & Infrastructure  
Committee  
2163 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

**RE: ARSA SUPPORTS THE FAA REAUTHORIZATION AND REFORM ACT, H.R. 658**

Dear Chairman Mica and Ranking Member Rahall:

The Aeronautical Repair Station Association (ARSA), which represents the aviation maintenance industry, strongly supports the noncertificated maintenance (Sec. 315) and the foreign repair station (Sec. 316) provisions in the FAA Reauthorization and Reform Act of 2011 (H.R. 658).

Unlike the FAA reauthorization bill approved by the House during the last Congress, H.R. 658 will ensure more effective FAA oversight of foreign and domestic repair stations. The bill will allow the industry to build on its outstanding safety record and ensures the continued competitiveness of the U.S. maintenance industry.

Prior legislation would have resulted in new layers of bureaucratic oversight that would have added costs for repair stations and airlines while doing nothing to improve safety. In particular, provisions requiring the FAA to inspect foreign repair stations twice annually and imposing mandatory drug and alcohol testing on overseas repair stations would have led to the collapse of the bilateral aviation safety agreements that allow U.S. companies to better compete globally. This, in turn would have threatened our \$2.4 billion positive balance of trade in aviation maintenance services, undermined the ability of U.S. air carriers to operate overseas, and hindered growth in the U.S. aviation industry.

In sum, HR 658 protects the 274,000 Americans employed in the aviation maintenance industry and ensures the continued viability of its \$39 billion annual contribution to the U.S. economy. More information about the industry's economic and employment impact in each state is attached.

ARSA looks forward to working with you, your Senate colleagues, and the administration in a bipartisan manner to quickly enact this bill into law and restore predictability to U.S. aviation policy.

Your Servant,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sarah MacLeod". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Sarah" and last name "MacLeod" clearly legible.

Sarah MacLeod  
Executive Director

Attachment: Aviation Maintenance Industry Employment and Economic Impact State-by-State Chart

cc: House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee

## Aviation Maintenance Industry Employment and Economic Impact

State	Aviation Maintenance Industry Employment			Aviation Maintenance Industry Economic Activity (\$M USD)	
	Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO)		Total Employment (MRO plus Parts Manufacturing/Distribution)	MRO	Total Economic Activity (MRO plus Parts Manufacturing/Distribution)
	FAA-Certificated Repair Station	Air Carrier (Base and Line Maintenance)			
AK	518	912	1,435	\$147.9	\$149.6
AL	5,836	112	6,046	\$615.2	\$656.5
AR	3,254	22	3,351	\$338.8	\$363.8
AZ	5,849	2,227	13,445	\$835.3	\$2,700.0
CA	30,670	2,709	37,566	\$3,452.5	\$5,004.6
CO	1,340	614	2,008	\$202.1	\$220.1
CT	7,503	89	12,109	\$785.3	\$2,290.9
DE	1,122	0	1,170	\$116.1	\$132.1
FL	16,658	1,659	20,191	\$1,894.6	\$2,683.9
GA	11,173	1,414	13,741	\$1,301.9	\$1,704.9
HI	140	718	863	\$88.7	\$90.4
IA	3,003	68	5,156	\$317.6	\$1,019.3
ID	471	103	593	\$59.4	\$65.7
IL	4,121	1,810	6,833	\$613.5	\$937.5
IN	3,127	180	3,888	\$342.0	\$535.7
KS	7,029	98	9,792	\$737.2	\$1,647.2
KY	709	904	1,657	\$166.8	\$181.5
LA	2,354	127	2,589	\$256.6	\$292.6
MA	1,740	746	2,659	\$257.1	\$314.8
MD	1,338	128	1,622	\$151.6	\$203.6
ME	884	25	984	\$94.0	\$119.0
MI	4,322	705	5,676	\$520.0	\$749.6
MN	2,235	561	3,054	\$289.2	\$375.2
MO	2,349	367	2,852	\$280.9	\$326.3
MS	838	45	964	\$91.3	\$118.3
MT	363	14	393	\$39.0	\$44.3
NC	3,601	1,131	5,504	\$489.4	\$746.8
ND	187	17	261	\$21.1	\$40.1
NE	1,205	69	1,311	\$131.8	\$144.1
NH	554	34	690	\$60.8	\$94.8
NJ	2,593	196	3,522	\$288.5	\$564.3
NM	604	67	729	\$69.4	\$88.7
NV	671	384	1,122	\$109.1	\$131.5
NY	6,112	2,260	9,462	\$865.9	\$1,275.1
OH	4,710	1,885	8,382	\$682.1	\$1,277.8
OK	13,090	99	13,485	\$1,364.2	\$1,462.8
OR	1,508	435	1,978	\$201.0	\$212.6
PA	2,904	1,219	4,661	\$426.5	\$605.8
RI	294	0	402	\$30.4	\$66.4
SC	2,358	185	2,661	\$263.0	\$302.4
SD	66	24	188	\$9.3	\$42.0
TN	2,049	2,520	5,109	\$472.6	\$734.1
TX	25,057	4,523	32,673	\$3,059.5	\$4,430.0
UT	338	722	1,301	\$109.6	\$215.0
VA	1,287	108	2,635	\$144.3	\$588.5
VT	169	22	363	\$19.8	\$77.1
WA	8,353	841	13,898	\$951.0	\$2,585.6
WI	1,728	212	2,085	\$200.7	\$249.0
WV	1,448	0	1,470	\$149.8	\$157.1
WY	81	14	105	\$9.8	\$13.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>199,913</b>	<b>33,324</b>	<b>274,634</b>	<b>\$24,124</b>	<b>\$39,032</b>