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Senator Chuck Schumer
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Senator Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Senator Maria Cantwell
Chair
Senate Commerce, Science and
Transportation Committee
Washington, D.C. 20510

Senator Ted Cruz
Ranking Member
Senate Commerce, Science and
Transportation Committee
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senators Schumer, McConnell, Cantwell, and Cruz:

I write on behalf of the Global Business Travel Association (GBTA), urging the Senate to act quickly to pass a comprehensive FAA Reauthorization. GBTA is the world's largest professional association representing the \$1.4 trillion business travel industry. Collectively, our members directly control more than \$345 billion of global business travel and meetings expenditures annually and represent every facet of the global travel industry marketplace.

Travel managers have a duty of care to ensure the health and safety of their employees during business travel. Thirty percent of U.S. business trips involve air travel, and safety of the National Airspace System (NAS) is a top concern for organizations sending their employees out on the road. The rise of near-miss incidents and runway incursions made clear that the FAA needs additional resources to safely manage the NAS. Now, the oversight failures in the MAX 9 fleet add to the growing list of safety issues and travel disruptions. For the United States to maintain its status as the gold standard in aviation, we must act without delay.

At this critical moment, we urge Congress to quickly pass an FAA Reauthorization that provides the authorities and resources necessary to alleviate mounting safety concerns, system breakdowns, and staffing shortages across the agency. GBTA looks forward to working with Congress to advance these goals.

Sincerely,



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