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The Honorable Mike Johnson, Speaker  
United States House of Representatives  
United States Capitol  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Speaker,

On behalf of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA), the world's largest aviation membership organization representing more than 300,000 members across the country, I am writing to express strong support for the modernization of our nation's Air Traffic Control (ATC) system and urge Congress to pass the "One Big Beautiful Bill Act" that addresses several priorities for our nation including ensuring America's skies remain the safest and most efficient in the world.

Our current ATC infrastructure, much of which dates back decades, is long overdue for an upgrade. As you know, modernization will reduce delays, improve safety, increase fuel efficiency, and support economic growth across the aviation sector. The House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure ATC provision included in this bill is of utmost urgency and importance as it calls for investing significant resources to overhaul our aging system and to ensure robust air traffic controller staffing and training.

The House of Representatives can and should move forward on the "One Big Beautiful Bill Act" to help our nation and also deliver a more modern and reliable ATC system the traveling public and the aviation industry deserve.

Now is the time to act boldly and decisively.

Regards,