

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

October 4, 2011

The Honorable Patty Murray  
Democrat Co-chair  
Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction  
448 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20005

The Honorable Jeb Hensarling  
Republican Co-chair  
Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction  
129 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator Murray and Congressman Hensarling:

During the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction's ongoing efforts to find cost savings, we strongly urge that aviation user fees not be imposed on any segment of the aviation industry. We appreciate your attention to this matter.

The President's recent detailed deficit reduction proposal includes a \$100 per flight fee on both general and commercial aviation. As members of the House General Aviation Caucus, we would like to highlight the detrimental impacts of user fees on the general aviation industry, which employs nearly 1.3 million workers and contributes more than \$150 billion to the U.S. economy. User fees will have a direct negative impact on domestic manufacturing, small businesses, and our economic recovery.

General aviation user fees have been proposed several times by different Administrations, both Republican and Democrat. The U.S. House of Representatives has repeatedly and overwhelmingly opposed them.

We support the current system of aviation excise taxes, which are a stable, efficient, and equitable source of funding. Per flight user fees have crippled the general aviation industry in other countries and we are concerned about the ramifications such fees would have in the U.S.

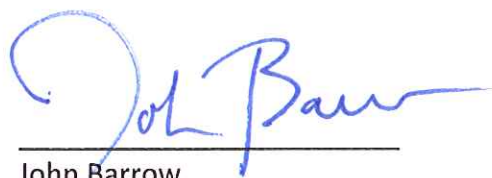
Again, we strongly urge that aviation user fees not be considered during ongoing discussions of the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction. Thank you for your attention to and consideration of our request.

Sincerely,



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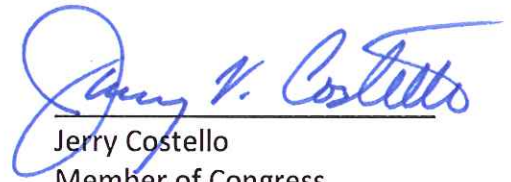
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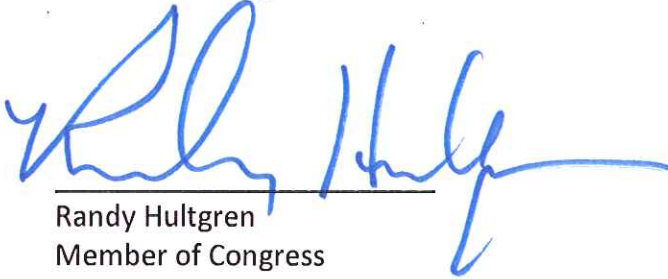
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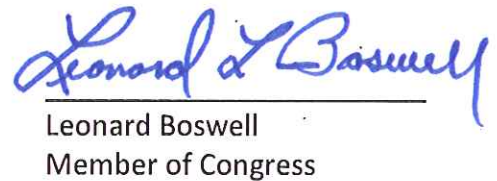
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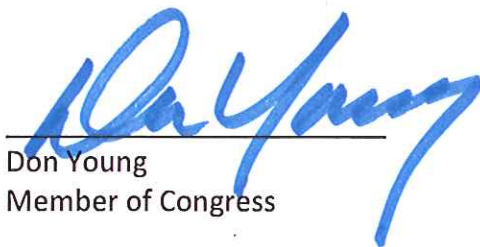
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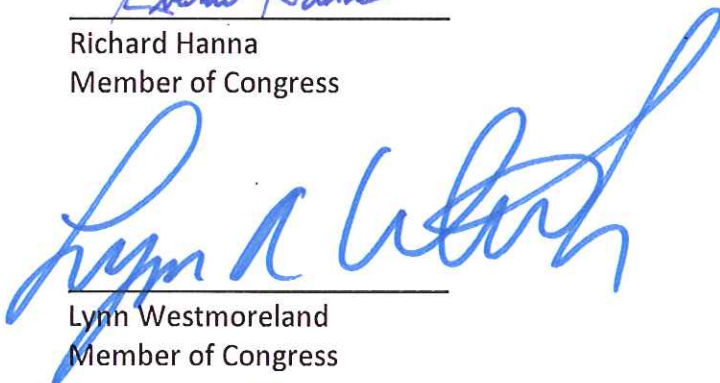
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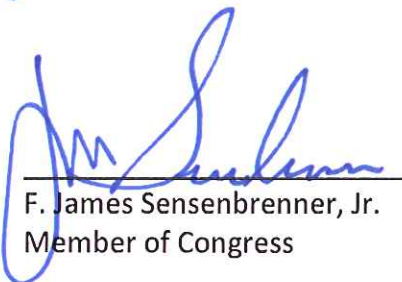
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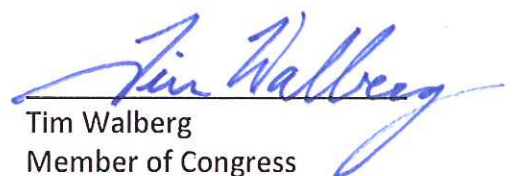
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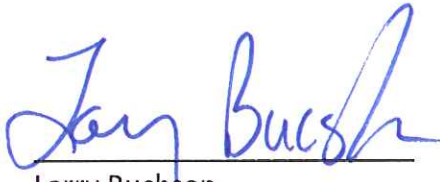
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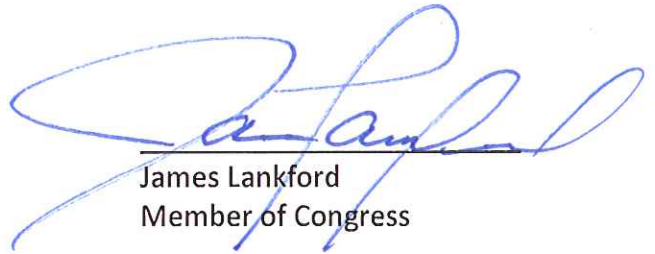
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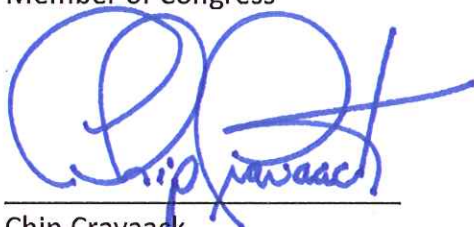
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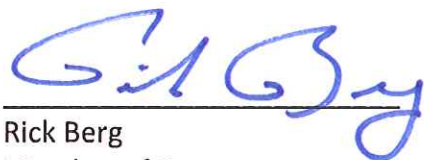
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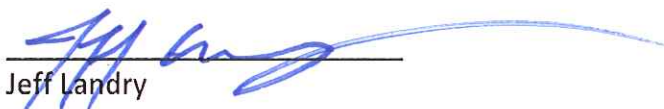
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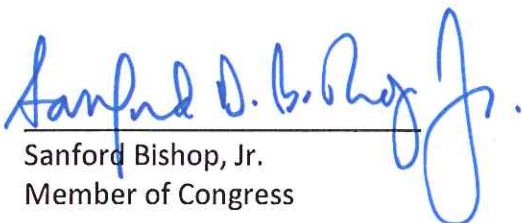
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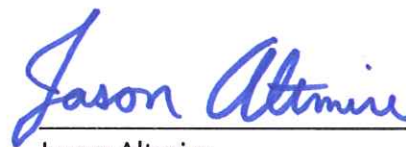
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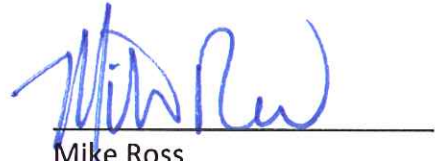
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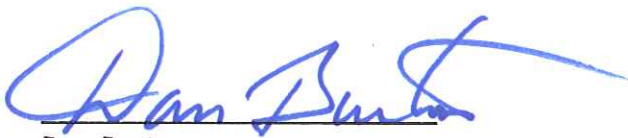
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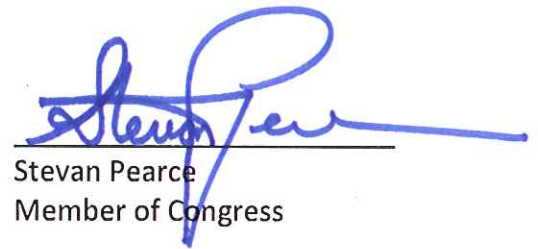
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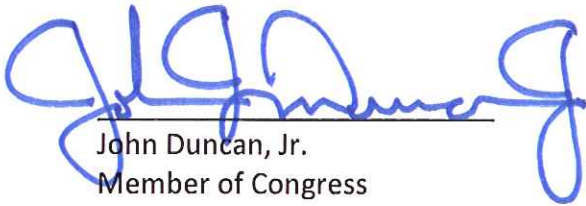
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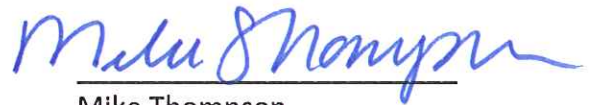
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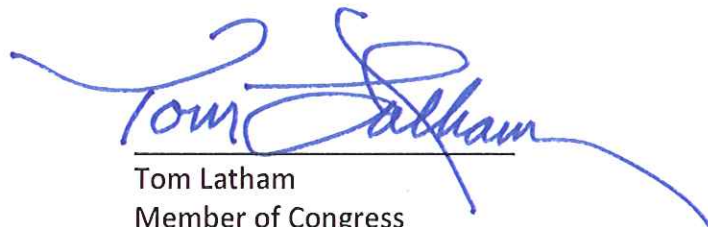
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