



March 14, 2018

The Honorable Bill Shuster
Chairman, U.S. House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
2079 Rayburn HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: Opposition to Privatizing the Air Traffic Control Function of the Federal Aviation Administration

Dear Chairman Shuster,

The Los Angeles International Airport (LAX)/Community Noise Roundtable¹ was pleased to learn that you have abandoned your effort to pass legislation in the House of Representatives to privatize the air traffic control function of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

The LAX/Community Noise Roundtable has worked with the FAA's Air Traffic Organization (ATO) on a wide range of aircraft noise issues for nearly twenty years. For most of that time, we have enjoyed a very positive relationship with the FAA. At times, working with the FAA has been challenging, but we have no doubt that a private entity overseen by the airlines would be far less responsive and accountable on aircraft noise matters affecting our communities than the current FAA ATO.

So while we applaud and support your decision to end your current efforts to privatize the air traffic control function of the FAA, we would also like to go on record as opposing air traffic control privatization for any future legislation. We would ask that you pass along our position to your colleagues on the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, who will continue to receive pressure from the airlines to privatize the FAA ATO after you retire.

On that note, we thank you for your long service to the people of the United States and wish you a pleasant retirement.

Sincerely,

Denny Schneider
Chairman

¹ The Los Angeles International Airport/Community Noise Roundtable is a voluntary, independent body whose membership consists of representatives of local elected officials, congressional offices, recognized community groups, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), the airlines, and Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA). These parties work together to identify aircraft noise issues that affect communities surrounding Los Angeles International Airport and seek feasible solutions to reduce noise over affected communities when possible. The position stated in this letter is the opinion of the majority of the Roundtable's membership and is not the official position of the FAA, the City of Los Angeles, or LAWA.

cc: Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Members
Senator Diane Feinstein
Senator Kamala Harris
Congressman Jimmy Gomez
Congressman Ted Lieu
Congresswoman Maxine Waters
Congresswoman Karen Bass
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