

Brothers and Sisters,

We are expecting the White House to release its priorities for ATC reform in a White House Rose Garden media event on Monday, June 5. We are not completely certain what the President and Administration officials may say during this event. However, we have met with the White House on many occasions to ensure the Administration understands NATCA's priorities and Four Core Principles for ATC reform.

It seems that the Administration has moved closer to supporting a non-profit, federally chartered entity as opposed to a contracted, for-profit model, which is where we believe they started. During our meetings at the White House, administration officials indicated that they understood our Union's Four Core Principles, which we have been repeatedly stating. Most recently, on May 17, Paul testified before the House Transportation and Infrastructure (T&I) Committee and explained to the Committee that in order for NATCA to consider and support any proposal to restructure the FAA, it must meet our Four Core Principles for Reform.

NATCA's Four Core Principles for reform remain unchanged:

- Protect the men and women who ensure the safety and efficiency of the NAS in their employment relationship, including their rights and benefits;
- Ensure that safety and efficiency remain the top priorities;
- Provide a stable, predictable funding stream that adequately supports air traffic control services, staffing, hiring and training, long-term modernization, preventative maintenance, and ongoing modernization of the physical infrastructure; and
- Ensure continued service to all segments of our nation's diverse aviation community.

It is important to remember that the President's announcement on Monday will be a statement of policy. Any specific reform proposal – whether it is the President's policy that will be announced on Monday or one that originates from within Congress – would need to pass both the House and the Senate before it is sent to the President to be signed into Public Law. Much can change during this process, and no one can predict what the final legislation may look like. However,

it does appear that the White House's ATC reform proposal will look similar to H.R.4441 - the Aviation Innovation, Reform, and Reauthorization Act of 2016 (AIRR Act), which is the ATC reform proposal championed by House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee Chairman Bill Shuster.

NATCA will protect the National Airspace System (NAS) and the men and women who safeguard it no matter what occurs as the debate surrounding ATC reform moves forward. In accordance with the will of the delegations at our Union's last two Biennial Conventions, NATCA remains committed to participating in the discussions to explore a stable, predictable funding stream to operate the NAS. We will review the specifics of any reform proposal to ensure that – at a minimum – it meets our Four Core Principles.

As we stated in our message on May 24 regarding the Administration's budget proposal, we will continue to advocate both for the safety of the NAS and for the men and women who support it, both today and in the future.

In Solidarity,

NATCA National Executive Board