



Message to Senate: Shutdown Must End

We have a new email and phone campaign focused on Senate members. The U.S. House of Representatives already has passed a bill to fund the Department of Transportation, which would reopen the FAA. Now we need the Senate to pass that bill! We need EVERY member to participate in this campaign if we are going to end this shutdown! Do not give up--20,000 calls and emails WILL make a difference. Get your family members, friends, and neighbors to participate as well. **This is the very essence of Union!**

[SEND AN EMAIL](#) AND [CALL YOUR SENATORS](#)



Mini Lobby Weeks - January 2019



NATCA is preparing for another Mini Lobby Week. Next week, our Union will welcome approximately 30 members to Washington to meet with senators about the negative effects of the government shutdown on the National Airspace System and why the shutdown must end immediately.

Over the course of the last week, approximately one hundred NATCA members came to Washington, D.C. to lobby Congress on their own time. They went to Capitol Hill to make contact with all members and congressional staff in all 535 offices in the House and the Senate to discuss how the shutdown is causing fatigue on controllers who already are short-staffed, overworked, and not paid. Additionally, they conversed about the degradation of aviation safety and delayed technology.

We applaud all of NATCA's activists who were able to represent our profession last week, especially during this time of great adversity. We look forward to seeing more NATCA activists next week.



Rob Kindred (Anchorage Center, ZAN), Dawn McFalls (Merrill Field, MRI), Mike Blake (Fairbanks ATCT, FAI), and Jason Grider met with Alaska Senator Lisa Murkowski



Jeff Little (Orlando Executive ATCT, ORL), Michael Long (Pensacola TRACON, P31), Jason Messer (Daytona Beach ATCT, DAB), and Paul

Behan (Jacksonville Center, ZJX) met with Florida Congressman Michael Waltz



Shyan Lasater-Bailey (Palm Springs Tower, PSP) and Christina Lewis (Joshua Approach Control, JCF) met with California Congresswoman Linda Sánchez



Scott Davis (Washington Center, ZDC), Matt Sullivan, and AnnMarie Taggio (Potomac Consolidated TRACON, PCT) met with New Jersey Congressman Donald Payne

Please [click here](#) to see additional photos of NATCA members during the first Mini Lobby Week of 2019.

NATCA in the Media

NATCA members throughout the country have given hundreds of interviews to national and local media during the past two weeks, providing television, radio, newspaper, and online media reporters with information about the lasting effects that the shutdown will have on the National Airspace System and FAA's aviation safety professionals. Click the links below the pictures to view some of the many notable examples.



[NATCA President Paul Rinaldi on MSNBC](#)



[NATCA Executive Vice President Trish Gilbert on CNN](#)



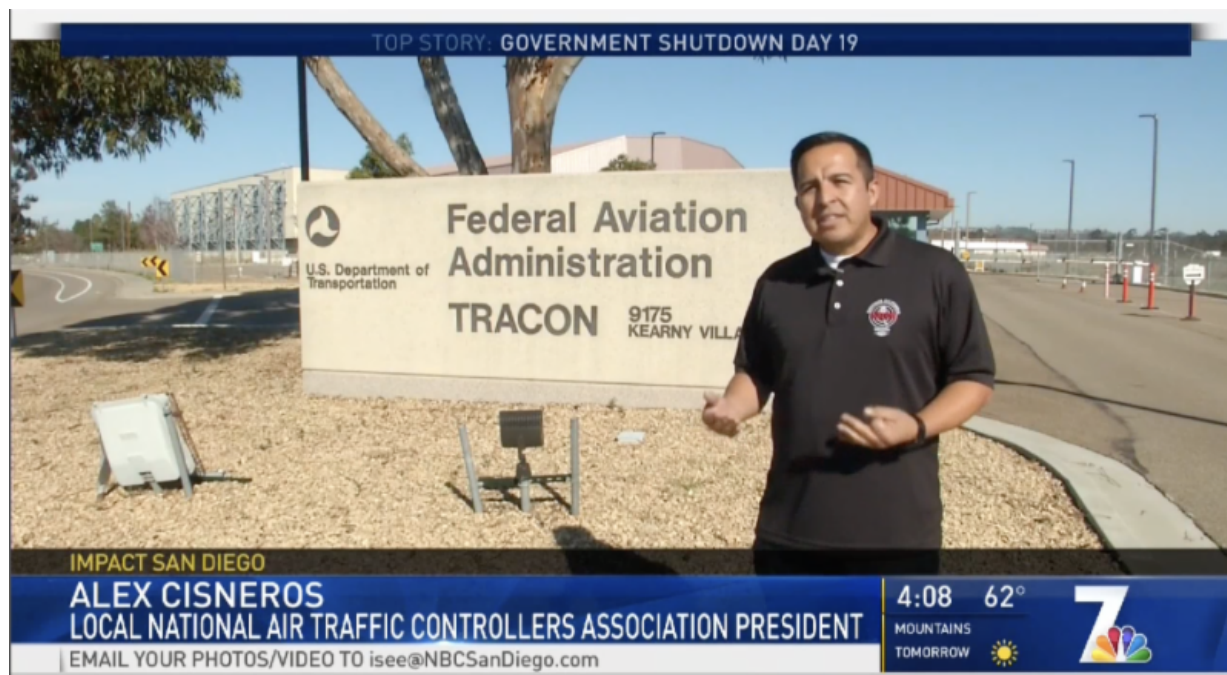
[Trisha Pesiri-Dybvik \(Santa Barbara ATCT, SBA\) and Martin Ramirez \(Los Angeles Center, ZLA\) on HBO Vice News](#)



[Nick Daniels \(Fort Worth Center, ZFW\) on Fox News Business](#)



[Mamie Ambrose \(Baltimore Washington ATCT, BWI\) on WBALTV, Baltimore](#)



[Alex Cisneros \(Southern California TRACON, SCT\) and Jimmy Smith \(Southern California TRACON, SCT\) on NBC7 San Diego](#)



[Bill Striffler \(Newark ATCT, EWR\) on NJTV News, New Jersey](#)

Rally on Capitol Hill



Hundreds of NATCA members and their families gathered in Washington, D.C., to rally on Capitol Hill, calling for Congress to act and end the shutdown. Joining NATCA at the rally were numerous members of Congress and representatives from throughout the aviation industry. The event was covered extensively by all the national news networks, political media, and other media based in Washington.



Senator Mark Warner (Va.)



Congressman Peter DeFazio (Ore.), Chair of U.S. House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure



Senator Richard Blumenthal (Conn.)



Congressman Rick Larsen (Wash.), Chair of Aviation Subcommittee of the U.S. House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure



Congressman Peter King (N.Y.) and Congressman Brian Fitzpatrick (Pa.)



Congressman David Price (N.C.), Chairman, House Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development Appropriations Subcommittee



Congresswoman
Katie Hill (Calif.)



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Executive VP, Global Operations
Spencer Dickerson



Association for Unmanned Vehicle
Systems International (AUVSI)
President Brian Wynne



AFL-CIO Transportation Trades
Department President Larry Willis



PASS National President
Mike Perrone

Our members and invited guests let Congress know that this situation is wrong, and using federal workers as pawns in a political fight has to stop. Click [here](#) to view the highlights from last week's rally.



You too can make a difference. Pass the congressional number along to your family, neighbors, and friends. [Call 844-336-1123](tel:844-336-1123) and tell your Senators to vote to end the shutdown today!

Grassroots Activism: Airport Leafleting

NATCA members and volunteers from across the country are taking the message directly to the flying public through leafleting. Members of our Union, along with their family members, and members of other aviation unions have been engaging with and giving informational brochures to passengers at more than 30 airports across the U.S., and are coordinating permits to expand the efforts to an additional 20 airports.

They are explaining how the shutdown is affecting the workforce and the safety and efficiency of the National Airspace System, and asking the flying public to call their members of Congress as well. The reaction our members have been getting has been very positive and encouraging. If you want to organize leafleting at your airport, [contact your NATCA RVP](#).

NATCA has been inviting local media to cover these activities. Below are some news segments that feature NATCA members discussing these informational leaflets and pictures from other members at different airports throughout the country:



[KY Rios \(Fort Lauderdale ATCT, FLL\) on Telemundo](#)



[Nick Daniels \(Fort Worth Center, ZFW\) on Fox 4 News](#)



[Ken Scheele \(Central Florida TRACON, F11\) on Fox 35 WOFL](#)







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