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## **Washington-area Members Share Local Issues with Congresswoman McClellan**

Potomac TRACON (PCT) member Brian Schmelzel and Washington National ATCT (DCA) member Aubrey Farrar attended an event with U.S. Representatives Jennifer McClellan (Va.-4) and Katherine Clark (Mass.-5) in June. The event was the first NATCA members have attended with Congresswoman McClellan.

“We got to spend quite a bit of time talking with Congresswoman McClellan, as well as multiple staff from her office,” Schmelzel said. “She had recently toured Richmond ATCT (RIC) and said it was a great visit. She also shared that her family owned an aircraft previously at a small airport serviced by PCT.”

Schmelzel and Farrar discussed operations and issues at their respective facilities, as well as other airports within McClellan’s district, especially focusing on controller staffing and funding.



## NATCA Members Attend Congresswoman McClellan Event

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**PHOTO** (left to right): Farrar, McClellan, Schmelzel

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## Denver ATCT Member Represents NATCA at Congressional Labor Roundtable

U.S. Representative Brittany Petterson (Colo.-7) hosted a labor breakfast and roundtable in June, where NATCA Denver ATCT (DEN) member Zac Ploch represented our Union and profession. Ploch conveyed the challenges NATCA faces, especially pertaining to funding and staffing.

"I explained how imperative the passing of the upcoming FAA Reauthorization bill was as well as the insertion of language that would ensure the FAA collaborates with NATCA to address the crisis of all-time low staffing," Ploch said. "Realizing the strain that a lack of stable, predictable funding and inadequate staffing has on the entire system, Congresswoman Petterson seemed extremely engaged and driven to put NATCA's issues to the



forefront.”

More than 15 labor unions were present at the breakfast, including a member from NATCA’s fellow aviation union, Association of Flight Attendants-CWA.

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## Congratulations to Our Newest FacReps!

The NATCA Onboarding Committee welcomes and thanks all new NATCA leaders who have recently taken office for their terms as FacReps at their local facilities.



### **Central**

Craig De Vries (Des Moines ATCT, DSM)

### **Eastern**

Yvonne Adesanya (Patrick Henry ATCT, PHF)

Vladimir Vallejo (Westchester ATCT, HPN)

### **Great Lakes**

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Tanner Hobgood (Evansville ATCT, EVV)

Daren Snyder (Rapid City FCT, RAP)

Renee Spencer (Fort Wayne ATCT, FWA)

**New England**

Jeffrey Carpentier (Manchester ATCT, MHT)

**Northwest Mountain**

Aaron Greenwood (Salt Lake City ATCT, SLC)

Alan Zelez (Seattle TRACON, S46)

**Southern**

Michael Turner (Orlando Executive ATCT, ORL)

**Southwest**

Vincent DePiazza (McKinney FCT, TKI)

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