



**From the Desk of President Rich Santa:
NATCA, Aviation Industry Leaders to Meet on Nov. 7
Challenges, Solutions & the Future of Aviation to Be Discussed**

On Tuesday, Nov. 7, NATCA will host a reception in Washington, D.C. that will bring together members of the National Executive Board and aviation industry leaders. This inaugural event will offer an invaluable opportunity for our Union to have open and constructive conversations with industry decision-makers.

Our profession and the entire aviation industry have been through some turbulent times in recent years. Air traffic controller staffing shortages, stalled modernization of critical systems, and delays in fixing and upgrading infrastructure at facilities throughout the National Airspace System (NAS) have become part of the public discourse as they have been identified as some of the key causes of flight delays and cancellations.

The solutions to these complex problems must be championed by the entire aviation system. We must coordinate together as a community – labor and industry – to advocate for the necessary investments in staffing and infrastructure that are necessary to not only maintain the current safety and efficiency of our current NAS, but also prepare the NAS for even greater traffic in the future. Together, this community can make a difference in the halls of Congress where many of these decisions will be made.

This reception, while informal in nature, is where relationships will be built, maintained, and grown. And while we may not agree on every issue, we can find common ground with aviation industry leaders. It is on that common ground that both NATCA and the aviation industry can speak with one voice to enact real change and build a stronger future for air traffic controllers, other



aviation safety professionals, and other components of the aviation industry.

In Solidarity,



Rich Santa
President, National Air Traffic Controllers Association

NATCA Proudly Supports Our UAW Sisters & Brothers

Our NATCA family is proud to stand with our United Auto Workers (UAW) sisters and brothers in their pursuit of just and equitable conditions in their workplaces. Union solidarity among workers is essential for a fair and thriving labor environment. We commend UAW for their dedication to this cause.

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BROTHERS** *THEIR FIGHT
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As AFL-CIO President Liz Shuler said: “This fight isn’t just about auto workers and their families, this is about creating a future where everyone can prosper.”

NATCA President Rich Santa added, “As union members, their fight is our

fight. NATCA joins the House of Labor in standing with UAW.”

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