



Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg Visits Washington National ATCT

On Dec. 19, U.S. Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg visited Washington National Airport ATCT (DCA) and met with NATCA members, including Bryan Dinello (pictured), who has worked at DCA since 2003.



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New SSRI Approved Medication

NATCA members who require a medical clearance should be aware that a new

medication, Bupropion (Wellbutrin), has been approved for use in the selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor (SSRI) program.

In accordance with the existing [MOU](#) between the parties, NATCA bargaining unit employees (BUEs) who require a medical clearance may receive Special Consideration medical clearance while being treated with certain SSRIs. The previously approved SSRIs were Fluoxetine (Prozac), Sertraline (Zoloft), Citalopram (Celexa), and Escitalopram (Lexapro). The FAA has now approved Bupropion (Wellbutrin) for the SSRI program.

The addition of Bupropion (Wellbutrin) to the SSRI program helps to ensure that a greater number of Air Traffic Control Specialists are able to continue working while receiving the medical treatment that they need.



U.S. Rep. Max Miller Tours Cleveland Center

U.S. Rep. Max Miller (Ohio-7) recently toured Cleveland Center (ZOB) and met with Ron Shonk (Cleveland Center, ZOB) and other local NATCA members. The congressman was eager to learn about Cleveland Center's operations. He asked a lot of questions and displayed a sincere interest in learning about the air traffic system. Rep. Miller offered praise for air traffic controllers numerous times during the tour.

Rep. Miller vowed to encourage the U.S. Senate to pass FAA Reauthorization. After the tour, Shonk said, “this appears to be the beginning of a strong, positive relationship between Congressman Miller and NATCA.”



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