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U.S. Rep Mike Carey Tours Columbus ATCT

U.S. Rep. Mike Carey (Ohio-15), accompanied by his District Director Blaine Kelly, visited Columbus ATCT (CMH) on Jan. 29 for a tour provided by Albert Navarro, CMH's Legislative Representative. The visit was Carey's first time seeing an air traffic facility. Expressing fascination with air traffic control

operations, Carey emphasized his commitment to advocating for improved pay and stable funding for the FAA.

“Air traffic controllers have a tough job and Congress needs to ensure they have the resources necessary to keep our airspace safe,” Carey said in a post about the visit on social media.

“The first issue he brought up to us is that he recognizes we are not paid enough for what we do,” Navarro said. “We were also able to convey the dire situation the air traffic organization is in with staffing levels, projections, and hiring pitfalls. The mutual goal of stable and predictable funding is something he is striving for, and reassured us that he will not support legislation that would shut down the government.”

Navarro expressed NATCA’s gratitude to Carey for his support for our members.



U.S. Rep. Mike Carey (Ohio-15) Tours Columbus ATCT Columbus, Ohio | Jan. 2024

Pictured, left to right: CMH Operations Manager Alex Tussey, CMH FacRep Benjamin Hudak, Carey, Navarro, CMH Air Traffic Manager Stephanie Malody

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NATCA's BOTG Program Gears Up for the 2024 Election Cycle

NATCA's Boots On The Ground (BOTG) program, a cornerstone of the Union's legislative endeavors, continues to make strides as it gears up for the 2024 election cycle.

BOTG and Retired Active NATCA Volunteers (RNAV) member Allen Fritz shared his experience participating in this critical program. “Working through the COVID-impacted 2020 BOTG campaign and then the more conventional 2022 BOTG efforts has broadened my understanding of Pennsylvania Labor's political organization and its key leaders across the state,” Fritz said. “To say that I had a hand in the connections that NATCA has uniquely fostered with so many of our U.S. Representatives is a point of great pride for me — not personal pride, but Union-pride.



Allen Fritz (right), as guest of U.S. Congressman Matt Cartwright (Pa.) (left) for the 2019 State of the Union



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Interested candidates are urged to submit their applications by March 8, with inquiries directed to National Legislative Committee Chair David Skarphol or BOTG 2024 Project Manager Tom Thompson. If you are selected to participate you will be contacted by Tom Thompson with further instruction no later than May 31, 2024.

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