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## **EVP Andrew LeBovidge Inspires Action at NiW: Urges NATCA Members to Lead and Energize Union Advocacy**

NATCA Executive Vice President Andrew LeBovidge electrified the crowd at the NATCA in Washington (NiW) General Session on Thursday. He expressed his gratitude to the attendees for dedicating their time to the conference.

LeBovidge praised the 2024 NiW participants for their role in a powerful movement that has significantly influenced political change, enhancing the lives of all members of our Union. He urged them to channel the energy and passion sparked by NiW into motivating and engaging others at their facilities, inspiring a new wave of active NATCAvists to propel the union's mission forward.



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## **U.S. Senator Mike Braun at 2024 NiW: Bipartisan Efforts to Boost FAA Hiring**

NATCA was proud to have U.S. Senator Mike Braun of Indiana join us Thursday morning to speak to our 2024 NATCA in Washington attendees.

Senator Braun is a lifelong Hoosier, raised in Jasper, Ind. Prior to his election to the U.S. Senate in 2018, he was the founder and CEO of Meyer Distributing, a company he built in his hometown of Jasper. He also served as a member of his local school board and as a state senator.



Last September, Braun introduced the Bipartisan Air Traffic Controllers Hiring Act of 2023 alongside Senators John Boozman (Ark.), Amy Klobuchar (Minn.), Ben Ray Lujan (N.M.), Roger Marshall (Kan.), and Jeanne Shaheen (N.H.). The bill would require the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to conduct maximum hiring of air traffic controllers (ATC) at the FAA Academy — equivalent to approximately 1,800 individuals per year.

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## **NiW Panel: How FAA Underfunding Threatens Safety and Progress in Aviation**



During Thursday's General Session at NATCA in Washington, Special Counsel to the NATCA President Eugene Freedman led a crucial panel discussion on the effect of underfunding the FAA — specifically on technology, safety, training, and infrastructure. The panel featured insights from National Training Representative Jamaal Haltom (Las Vegas ATCT, LAS), NATCA National Program Management Office Representative Dan Hamilton (San Francisco ATCT, SFO), NATCA National Safety Chair John Murdock (Philadelphia ATCT, PHL), and NATCA Political and Legislative Representative Annika Olson.

## **NATCA Charitable Foundation Boosts Community Support with Exciting Events at NiW 2024**

The NATCA Charitable Foundation was excited to once again be a part of NATCA in Washington, hosting events to raise support for charities in our members' communities nationwide!



On Tuesday evening, during the event's opening reception at the Marriott Marquis, NCF hosted Bingo. NiW attendees also had the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for the chance to win the grand prize drawing.

On Wednesday, NiW attendees joined NCF for their famous silent auction where they could bid on prizes throughout the day.

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