



NATCA President Nick Daniels Presses Air Traffic Controller Priorities with National Media

This week, NATCA President Nick Daniels gave interviews to several aviation reporters from different national media organizations, including National Public Radio (NPR) Transportation Correspondent Joel Rose, Fox Business Correspondent Grady Trimble, Fox News' Fox & Friends Host Brian Kilmeade, ABC News Transportation Correspondent Sam Sweeney, and CNN Aviation and Transportation Correspondent Pete Muntean to highlight the priorities of our Union members.

During these interviews, Daniels answered questions about how communication outages and staffing issues at Philadelphia TRACON (PHL) Area C have affected NATCA members and led to flight delays at Newark Liberty International Airport (EWR). Daniels also expressed support for Transportation Secretary Duffy's initiative to "supercharge" controller hiring and his comprehensive plan to fund and prioritize the replacement and repair of air traffic control facilities and modernize outdated technology.

In his interview on Fox & Friends on Tues., May 20, Daniels described how NATCA is working with the Trump Administration, Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy, Congress, and a coalition of aviation stakeholders to maintain safety and modernize our air traffic control system.



President Nick Daniels on Fox and Friends with Brian Kilmeade on May 20, 2025



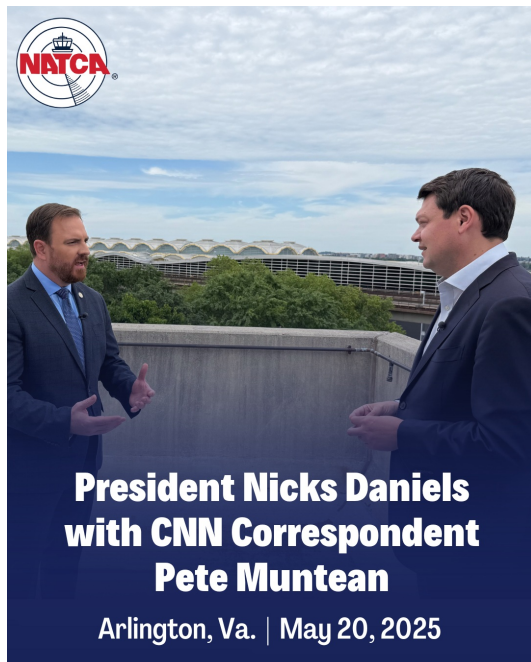
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When Fox & Friends' Brian Kilmeade asked about the price tag for fixing the system, Daniels explained how NATCA is working with Secretary Duffy and

Congress to determine the cost of updating the system and preventing communication outages. Daniels stated, "The Transportation and Infrastructure Committee came up with a \$12.5 billion dollar proposal, and we absolutely support that. We are part of the Modern Skies Coalition to ensure that not only is this price tag real, but that it produces the results that the American flying public deserves."

When Kilmeade asked what Americans do in the interim while these solutions are being put in place, Daniels continued, "This isn't a time to point to problems, this is a time to point to solutions. Working and partnering together... Making sure the flying public knows what areas may be slowed down and what areas are going to continue [to operate as normal]. 99.9% of your flights are going to arrive and depart on time."

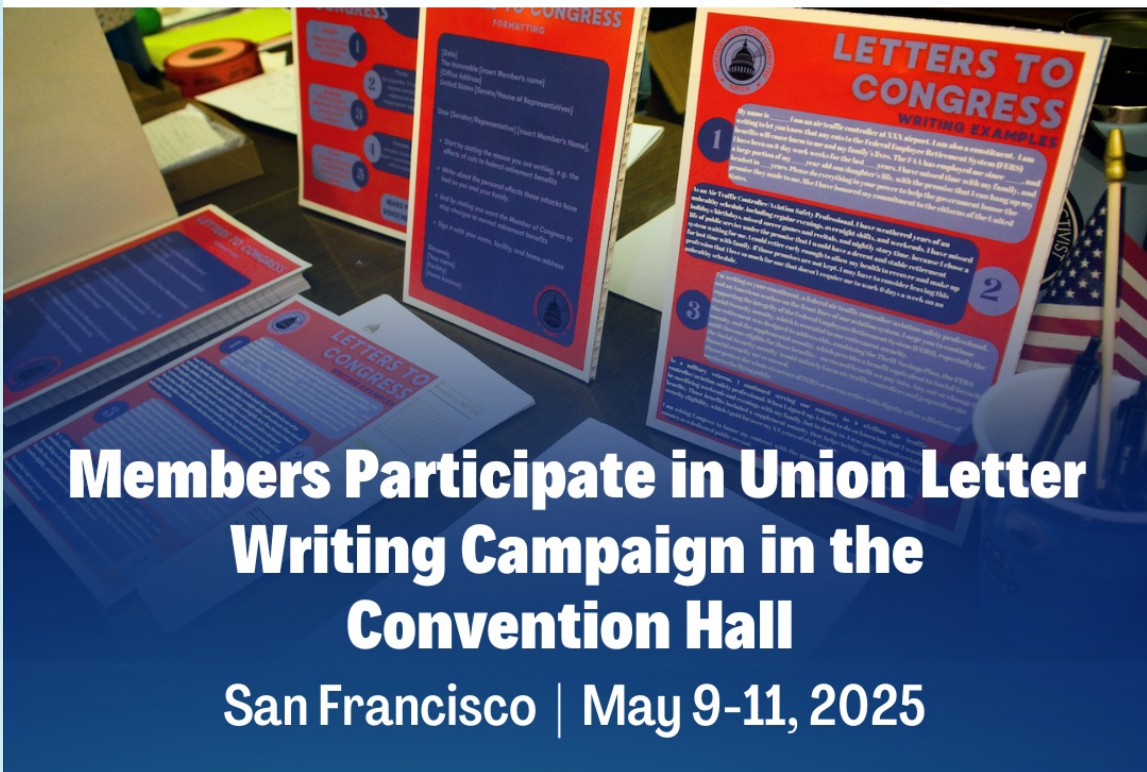
Watch the full Fox & Friends interview on NATCA's [website](#).



NATCA will share recordings of these other news stories when they are available.

Members Participate in Union Letter Writing Campaign in the Convention Hall

At NATCA's 20th Biennial Convention in San Francisco, members of our Union and their families demonstrated their deep commitment to legislative activism by handwriting letters to their members of Congress at the National Legislative Committee's booth outside the Convention hall.



This initiative is the next phase of our Union's outreach to Congress, continuing to educate them on the negative impact threats to retirement benefits will have on our workforce.

This week, NATCA's National Legislative Committee is sorting and delivering the letters to congressional offices in Washington, D.C.

CATCA President Nick von Schoenberg and Prospect ATCOs' Branch Chair Mike Reed Deliver a Message of Global Solidarity

To open the final day of Convention business, NATCA President Nick Daniels invited Prospect ATCOs' Branch Chair Mike Reed from the United Kingdom and Canadian Air Traffic Control Association (CATCA) President Nick von

Schoenberg on stage to address the Convention Body. Reed and von Schoenberg spoke about the importance of global solidarity, and how through collaborative efforts, we can protect the future of our profession.



In his role as CATCA President, Nick von Schoenberg represents approximately 2,000 controllers at three Canadian employers – Transport Canada, Serco, and NAV Canada. As Chair of the Prospect ATCOs' Branch, Mike Reed represents over 2,100 members working as air traffic control officers in the United Kingdom. Von Schoenberg and Mike Reed join NATCA as members of the Global Air Traffic Controllers Alliance, a coalition of like-minded air traffic control labor unions across the world. NATCA was honored to have these global labor leaders join us in San Francisco.

NATCA Members Represent our Union at the

Professional Women Controllers Conference in Denver

NATCA President Nick Daniels joined FacRep Brock Shetley (Denver ATCT, DEN) and NATCA members Crystal Anderson (Northern California TRACON, NCT), Ariel Ortega, (Prescott ATCT, PRC), Sherrylyn Ramirez, (Los Angeles ATCT, LAX), Lakecia Shuron (Reading TRACAB, RDG), and Megumi Takasaki (Los Angeles ATCT, LAX) at the Professional Women Controllers (PWC) Conference in Denver, April 8-11.



President Daniels also had the opportunity to speak at the conference. He gave a speech and took questions from the crowd.

NATCA is proud to stand in solidarity with PWC and organizations like it. Thanks to everyone who helped represent our Union at this event!

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