

Stop the Shutdown!



A government shutdown is detrimental to the safety and efficiency of our National Airspace System (NAS). The National Air Traffic Controllers Association (NATCA) strongly opposes the government shutdown, which includes the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). The shutdown threatens the NAS and negatively affects approximately 10 million aviation-related jobs and the \$1.5 trillion annually that aviation contributes to the U.S. economy.

No one should be under the illusion that it's business as usual for aviation safety during the shutdown. Every day the shutdown continues, the negative consequences to the NAS and its employees are compounding. Inside are examples of the effects the government shutdown has on the FAA and our workforce.

We implore Congress to end the shutdown.



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NO MORE SHUTDOWNS!**



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End the Government Shutdown Immediately!



Protect
the U.S. Economy by protecting
the Aviation Safety Professionals
who operate and maintain
the National Airspace System



Safety

Air traffic controllers and other aviation safety professionals will be forced to work without pay, often under grueling schedules of six days a week, 10 hours a day. During the last shutdown, many had to take second jobs to feed their families and pay their bills—leading to stress and fatigue.

- Air traffic controllers are working to maintain the safety and efficiency of the NAS without the necessary contributions of other safety professionals.
- The FAA has stopped issuing Airworthiness Directives, which mandate safety fixes to existing aircraft.
- Delays in maintenance put the technology we rely on at risk of malfunctioning.

Staffing

NATCA strongly supports Transportation Secretary Duffy's critical efforts to supercharge controller hiring and ensure our nation's air traffic control system is staffed with the best and brightest air traffic controllers. The shutdown could complicate this critical Administration priority.

- The number of fully certified controllers remains near a 30-year low.
- Approximately 2,350 NATCA-represented FAA safety professionals are furloughed. That includes aircraft certification engineers and aerospace engineers—will be furloughed. Critical safety support, operational support, and modernization work will stop.



Modernization

Our Union strongly supports the critical modernization programs proposed by Transportation Secretary Duffy and recently funded by Congress. The FAA has recently made great progress on certain modernization programs, but the government shutdown could delay work on some of these modernization efforts and work to integrate new users into the NAS.

- Some infrastructure construction and equipment modernization has ceased at towers and radar facilities across the country.
- Work to integrate new users such as Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS), commercial space operations, and Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) into the NAS is put on hold during the shutdown, negatively affecting private sector innovation.

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