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June 29, 2000

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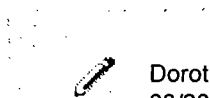
February 2, 1999
(House Rules)

**H. R. 99 - To Extend Federal Aviation Administration
Programs Through September 30, 1999
(Shuster (R) PA and 3 cosponsors)**

The Administration strongly supports reauthorization of the Airport Improvement Program (AIP), and is proposing comprehensive legislation to reauthorize all Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) programs through October 1, 2004. The Administration would prefer timely enactment of a long-term authorization and is concerned that interim measures, such as H.R. 99, may delay enactment of such long-term legislation.

The Administration opposes the provision in H.R. 99 that makes authorizations from the Airport and Airways Trust Fund beyond FY 1999. These authorizations are not necessary to continue funding of the AIP beyond March 31st, and would prejudge how the FAA should be funded in the long term. Moreover, such authorizations are not necessary to support other FAA programs, all of which are funded through the end of the current Fiscal Year. The Administration would support an amendment to delete this provision.

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Dorothy Robyn
03/28/2000 06:40:38 PM

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To: Christopher K. Scully/WHO/EOP@EOP

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Subject: Re: James Goodwin letter

letter to sonny hall is fine. letter to goodwin should echo what POTUS said in his speech on March 10 about the FAA bill not going far enough in terms of ATC reform and his request that FAA get back to him in 45 days with plan for broader reform (should i fax you speech)?

I'm meeting w United's VP for govt relations on thursday. Cld you send me copy of ltr before then?



Christopher K. Scully
03/27/2000 02:47:20 PM

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To: Dorothy Robyn/OPD/EOP@EOP
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Hey Dorothy,

The President has received a letter from James Goodwin, Chairman and CEO of United Airlines, encouraging the President to reform our air traffic control system to accomodate increased capacity, growth, and commerce. How do you recommend we respond? Should it be a brief letter that asserts our commitment to reforming the ATC system? Should it mention the funding increases to the FAA that would help to modernize air traffic control that are included in the President's budget?

Also, have you had a chance to review the draft to sonny hall letter about ATC reform? Here's what I sent you:

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Have you had a chance to take a look at this?

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Hey Dorothy,

Sonny Hall of the AFL-CIO's Transportation Trades Dept. wrote the President on 2/2/2000 to convey his concern and disappointment that the Administration is considering a proposal to spin-off the Air Traffic Control System from the FAA through the creation of a quasi-government corporation without having consulted with his union and its aviation member unions. Mr. Hall asks the President to establish a formal channel of communication with the AFL-CIO on this issue and to refrain from advancing an ATC reform proposal.

Do you have any advice on what we can say in response? If you're not the appropriate person for this issue, just let me know and I'll check with DOT.

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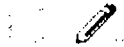
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February 2, 2000

The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

It has come to my attention that the Administration is still considering a proposal to spin-off the Air Traffic Control System (ATC) from the Federal Aviation Administration through the creation of some type of quasi-government corporation. Let me first state that if these reports are accurate, we are concerned and disappointed that the Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO (TTD) and its aviation member unions have not been consulted, a point we made recently in a meeting with Secretary of Transportation Rodney Slater.

We are well aware of the fact that certain members of your policy team consider the corporate structure to be superior to the current FAA-managed ATC system. We are also familiar with past Clinton Administration proposals to spin-off our ATC system into a government corporation. However, we believe that such a proposal would have a dramatic effect on the aviation industry and its workers as well as the men and women who operate and maintain the ATC system. These issues must be thoroughly considered before this Administration advances any type of ATC reform initiative either as part of the FY2001 Budget or as free standing legislation.

TTD has communicated our view that the introduction of a new ATC initiative at this time – given the political gridlock that for three years has stalled completion of a comprehensive FAA reauthorization bill – would only serve to further complicate, and quite possibly delay, this vitally important infrastructure and safety legislation.



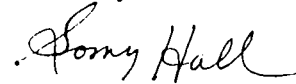
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The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
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On behalf of transportation labor, I urge the Administration to open a formal channel of communication with us on this issue and to refrain from advancing an ATC reform proposal that may not solve the problems it seeks to address while potentially harming the interests of public and private sector aviation industry workers.

Thank you for your consideration of our views.

Sincerely,



Sonny Hall ✓
President ✓

cc: The Honorable Rodney Slater
John Podesta, Chief of Staff
The Honorable Mort Downey
The Honorable Jane Garvey
Pat Friend, Secretary-Treasurer, TTD
Members, TTD Aviation Coordinating Committee