



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-6501

May 2, 2024

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, D.C., 20510

Dear Minority Leader McConnell,

As the Senate considers the Federal Aviation Administration reauthorization, I want to flag an important House-passed provision relating to pilot age.

The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee favorably reported the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) reauthorization on June 14, 2023, by a unanimous vote 63 to 0. Following this, the House of Representatives passed the FAA reauthorization on July 20, 2023, overwhelmingly 351 to 69.

This bill included an amendment, the *Let Experienced Pilots Fly Act of 2023*, which does nothing more than increase the mandatory retirement age for pilots from 65 to 67, or more simply, 730 days. The bill requires air carriers to maintain the same rigorous medical and training requirements all other pilots in the industry are expected to maintain.

As you are aware, Senator Lindsey Graham has filed an amendment to the FAA reauthorization bill to reinstate the House-passed pilot retirement provision. It has three bipartisan cosponsors, including Senators Chuck Grassley, Marsha Blackburn, and Mark Kelly.

I would ask that you support Senate consideration of this amendment. The House has worked its will, and I ask that you work with the Majority Leader Schumer to ensure this important policy gets a vote.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike Johnson". The signature is stylized and includes a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Speaker Mike Johnson