

September 15, 2020

The Honorable Maria Cantwell
Ranking Member, Commerce, Science and
Transportation Committee
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Rick Larsen
Chair, Aviation Subcommittee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Re: The Promoting Aviation Regulations for Technical Training (PARTT) 147 Act

Dear Senator Cantwell and Representative Larsen:

The undersigned organizations respectfully request your support of the PARTT 147 Act ([S.3043/H.R.5427](#)), legislation that would reform Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulations governing aviation technical education.

FAA regulations dictating what educational institutions teach aspiring aviation maintenance mechanics have not been updated in more than five decades. In an age where technological advances are constantly driving innovation for safer and more efficient aircraft, schools are *mandated* to teach antiquated and inconsequential subject areas. This inefficiency wastes time, resources, and student tuition, and erodes the attractiveness of the profession.

Seeing no regulatory relief in sight, the undersigned organizations acknowledge that the Act is intended to further escalate the issue after 12 years of pushing for a new rule to modernize aviation maintenance technician training. Promulgation of the Act's performance-based regulation would give schools and employers the freedom to develop programs that better align with industry needs, and ensure individuals begin their careers equipped to hit the ground running.

Continued industry growth in the state of Washington is largely dependent on our ability to meet technical workforce needs. We cannot wait any longer for regulatory relief. The undersigned organizations therefore strongly support the PARTT 147 Act requiring the agency to modernize aviation maintenance technician training.

We appreciate your leadership in this area and stand by to support your efforts as needed.

Sincerely,

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