

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

Join the Newly Established General Aviation Caucus



Dear Colleague,

We invite you to join the newly established **General Aviation Caucus**. General Aviation (GA) is a catch-all category that includes all non-scheduled, non-military aviation. The purpose of this Caucus is to inform Members and staff about the importance of GA to our economy and to our transportation system.

The GA industry contributes more than \$150 billion to the U.S. economy annually, and it employs nearly 1.3 million workers. In 2008, U.S. general aviation airplane manufacturers delivered over 3,079 airplanes to customers in the United States and abroad. The total value of these aircraft was nearly \$13 billion of which 44 percent were exports. The GA industry is one of the few remaining U.S. industries that actually maintains a positive foreign trade balance.

There are more than 230,000 GA aircraft in the United States, which service nearly 19,000 small and regional airports, many more than the 500 commercial airports in the United States. These airports help connect people and industries that do not always have easy access to our commercial airports. In fact, more than 100 communities have lost commercial airline service this year, leaving GA as their only alternative.

GA has a presence in every congressional district, and we encourage you to join our caucus to learn more about GA.

For more information, or to join the General Aviation Caucus, please contact Ben Gielow (ben.gielow@mail.house.gov) with Congressman Vernon J. Ehlers at 225-3831 or Josh Gifford (josh.gifford@mail.house.gov) with Congressman Allen Boyd 225-5235.

Sincerely,

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