

October 20, 2025

U.S. Senator Ted Cruz, Chairman
Senate Commerce Committee
Washington, DC 20515

U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell, Ranking Member
Senate Commerce Committee
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senators Cruz and Cantwell,

On behalf of organizations representing hundreds of thousands of general aviation pilots, airport executives, and aviation businesses from across the country, we write in support of the Pilot and Aircraft Privacy Act, S. 2175, and related amendments as the Committee considers the ROTOR Act and urge you to advance this important legislation.

We all recognize the critical role Automatic Dependent Surveillance–Broadcast (ADS-B) plays in safety and efficiency within the National Airspace System. However, we do not believe ADS-B is an appropriate tool to assess or collect fees.

We further believe that pilots and operators deserve stronger protections regarding the public availability of ADS-B information. At the same time, airports should retain access to this data for legitimate operational purposes as approved by the Secretary.

We believe limiting ADS-B data to third parties for the purpose of collecting fees strikes the right balance between individual privacy and the operational needs of airports.

This legislation represents a responsible, balanced approach. It reinforces the FAA's safety mission, addresses legitimate privacy concerns, and ensures that ADS-B is used for its intended purpose — enhancing safety and efficiency — without being repurposed as a mechanism for airport economics.

We applaud U.S. Senator Budd for introducing this legislation and strongly encourage its passage.

Sincerely,

Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association
Air Safety Institute
Alaska Airmen's Association
Commemorative Air Force
Corporate Aircraft Association
Experimental Aircraft Association
International Council of Air Shows
National Agricultural Aviation Association
North American Trainer Association
Recreational Aviation Foundation
United States Parachute Association
Vertical Aviation International
Chicago Executive Airport, Illinois
Chatham Municipal Airport Commission, Massachusetts
Destin Airport Association, Destin, Florida
Solberg Airport, New Jersey
Eagles Nest Airport, New Jersey
Minute Man Airfield, Massachusetts
Palo Alto Airport Association, California
Warren County Airport Authority, Ohio
Arkansas General Aviation Association
California Pilots Association
Colorado Pilots Association
Florida Aero Club
Georgia Pilots Association
Idaho Aviation Association
Kansas Pilots Association
Maine Aeronautics Association
Missouri Pilots Association
New Mexico Pilots Association
Montana Pilots Association
Minnesota Pilots Association
Minnesota Seaplane Pilot Association
Mississippi Pilots Association
New Jersey Aviation Association
Northeast Ohio Pilot Association
Oklahoma Pilots Association
Oregon Pilots Association

Rhode Island Pilots Association
Washington Pilot Association
Washington Seaplane Pilots Association
South County Airport Pilots Association, California
Watsonville Pilots Association, California
Civil Air Patrol Flying Association, Connecticut
Delaware Aviation Museum
Rag Wings and Radials Aircraft Leasing LLC, Delaware
EAA Chapter 724, Florida
EAA Chapter 943 Fernandina Beach, Florida
EAA 'Panhandle Pelicans' Chapter 485, Florida
Everglades Air, Florida
Flying Educators Flying Club, Florida
Friends of Albert Whitted Airport, Inc., Florida
Venice Aviation Society, Florida
Marco Aviation Club, Naples, Florida
Merritt Island Flying Club, Merritt Island, Florida
St. Augustine Airport Pilots Association, Florida
Augusta Flying Club, Georgia
Savannah Area Aviation Association, Georgia
Cape Area Pilots Association, Massachusetts
EAA Chapter 115, Hyannis, Massachusetts
Friends of Chatham Airport, Massachusetts
Taunton Pilots Association, Massachusetts
Cape Cod Flying Circus Inc., Massachusetts
Stick'N Rudder Aero Tours, Massachusetts
Stick'N Rudder Aero Maintenance Inc, Massachusetts
Acanthis Aviation LLC, Massachusetts
Airborne Aviation, Laurinburg, North Carolina
Cirrus Owners & Pilots Association University, North Carolina
EAA Chapter 731, North Carolina
Mountain Flyers, Inc., North Carolina
Triangle North Executive (LHZ) Pilots Association, North Carolina
Western North Carolina Pilots Association, North Carolina
Western Flying Club, North Carolina
Wilmington Pilots Association, North Carolina
Aurora Aviation, LLC, Oregon
Chocks Away Aviation, LLC., Oregon

Columbia Aviation Association, Oregon
Oregon Aviation Industries
TLM Holdings, LLC, Oregon
Westwood Property Management, Oregon
Turrisi Flight Training, South Carolina
Flyboys Flying Club LLC, South Carolina
EAA Chapter 1355, Tennessee
The Bluff City Flyers, Inc., Tennessee
Aviation Adventures, Virginia
Friends of Boeing Field, Washington
West Sound Pilots Association, Washington
Puget Sound Antique Airplane Club, Washington
Greater Milwaukee General Aviation Association, Wisconsin