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NJASAP APPLAUDS BIPARTISAN EFFORT TO ENFORCE FAA RULEMAKING PROCESSES

Advocate views legislation as vital to maintaining integrity of established process

(COLUMBUS) – The NetJets Association of Shared Aircraft Pilots (NJASAP) today is voicing its support for bipartisan legislation sponsored by U.S. Senators Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., and Jim Inhofe, R-Okla. The measure addresses a sweeping Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) proposal to change the medical certification process for select pilots.

The proposal was developed outside the established rulemaking process, and the Manchin-Inhofe legislation calls for any such change to be adopted only after following an appropriate rulemaking proceeding.

“Certainly, NJASAP supports initiatives intended to enhance operational safety across the industry,” NJASAP President FO John Malmberg said. “However, the FAA’s proposed Obstructive Sleep Apnea Policy, which came as a surprise, gives us pause and raises numerous questions.” Giving all stakeholders the opportunity to comment through the established rulemaking process, Malmberg continued, would go a long way toward alleviating the Union’s unease and ensuring any resulting policy achieves broader safety objectives.

“Until that time,” NJASAP Vice President of Industry Affairs Capt. Coley George said, “the Association is unable to take a position on the policy; however, as an industry stakeholder, we seek to take an active role in the process and will actively pursue Congressional support for the commonsense legislation introduced today.”

The legislation, S. 1941, is the bipartisan House-companion bill to H.R. 3578 that was introduced by House Aviation Subcommittee Chair Frank LoBiondo, R-NJ, and Ranking Member Rick Larsen, D-Wash, late last November.

Additional information about NJASAP and its industry affairs objectives is available at the Association web site, <http://www.njasap.com>.

About NJASAP Founded in 2008 as an independent labor affiliate, the NetJets Association of Shared Aircraft Pilots (NJASAP) represents the professional interests of the 3,000-plus pilots who fly in the service of NetJets Aviation, Inc. Based in Columbus, Ohio, the Association is governed by a nine-member Executive Board, who is supported by seven professional staff members and a network of 150-plus volunteers who manage more than 20 committees.

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