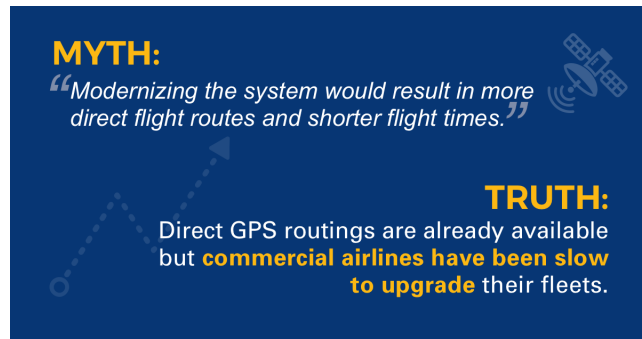


MYTH:
“Modernizing the system would result in more direct flight routes and shorter flight times.”

TRUTH:
Direct GPS routings are already available but **commercial airlines have been slow to upgrade** their fleets.



August 10, 2017

CALL TO ACTION -General Aviation Fight Against ATC Privatization

Attention All Aviators:

General Aviation Needs your help NOW! The fight against privatizing Air Traffic Control (HR 2997) is real and we must activate Grass Roots efforts of Aviation NOW!

The North Dakota Aviation Council has joined the AOPA, NBAA and over 150 General Aviation Groups from around the country to make sure our voice is heard. We are approaching the time where every individual aviator must take action now!

We are asking you to contact the Honorable Senator Heitkamp, the Honorable Senator Hoeven, and the Honorable Representative Cramer in the following ways:

1. Write a letter (see contact information on the back of this document).
2. Leave a voicemail at their office in Washington DC and reiterate the concerns about privatizing ATC.
3. Contact their regional office right here in North Dakota and convey the message.

Here are a few facts to help you in your messaging to Congress:

- The United States has the most Complex and Congested Airspace in the world, while at the same time, as the strongest safety record.
- The airlines will takeover the airspace, this includes precedence and user fees!
- Furthermore, the skies over the U.S. are a national asset, and the general aviation community is committed to ensuring that the future funding and subsequent design of the national air transportation system will benefit all Americans.
- Approximately 500 cities have commercial airline access, while over 5,000 airports will negatively be impacted by HR 2997.
- Congressional oversight of the nation's aviation system ensures that the public interest – including the people and companies that rely on aviation in small towns and communities – is served.
- GA has strong representation in Washington, if this bill passes, our only recourse is to present before a board of 13 members that will be dominated by the airlines.

A sample phone script and letter will be posted on the North Dakota Aviation Council Facebook page and website at ndac.aero. You can also find up to date information and talking points on atcnotforsale.com.

Sincerely,

Jonathan P. Simmers
Chairman, North Dakota Aviation Council

Sample Phone Script:

"I am calling today to oppose H.R. 2997 to privatize Air Traffic Control. This bill would take aviation oversight out of the hands of my elected officials and give it to a private group unaccountable to Congress, so PLEASE oppose H.R. 2997."

--->Callers can take the script above and add reasons why ATC Privatization would be harmful to their business personally.

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110 Hart Senate Office Building Washington DC 20510

Hoeven, John - (R - ND)
338 Russell Senate Office Building Washington DC 20510

Kevin Cramer - (R-ND)
1032 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515