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Neal Foster
Alaska State House of
Representatives
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Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Mr. Rock,

The Alaska State Legislature's Pilot Caucus supports the mission and role of the Medallion Foundation in their efforts to improve the culture of safety in Alaska and reduce aviation accidents. Since its establishment in 2001, the Foundation has partnered with air carriers and pilots to help transform air safety in Alaska.

Gary Knopp

Alaska State House
Soldotna

The Medallion Foundation's leadership role in providing pilot training devices and single-handedly improving safety is invaluable. The importance of their safety audits and trainings cannot be overstated. Per capita, Alaska has more pilots and aircraft than any other state in America. Our state is known as a challenging region for aviation, and being a pilot was one of the most dangerous occupations in the United States. By instituting high standards and increasing simulator training, the Medallion Foundation has been able to reduce aviation accidents by 47 percent in association with weather reporting and improved avionics technology over the last 15 years. It's important to keep these efforts moving forward.

Lance Pruitt

Alaska State House
Anchorage

The Alaska Legislature recognizes the importance of their work and has appropriated over \$1.6 million to the Medallion Foundation since its inception. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has also recognized the Medallion Foundation as a model for other states, and lauded their essential services provided in Alaska. Air service connects Alaskan communities, and links our state to the world. More than transportation, it is essential for public safety, commerce, and the health of Alaskans.

Dan Saddler

Alaska State House
Eagle River


As members of the Pilot Caucus, we hold private, instrument, and commercial licenses and ratings for ASEL, AMEL, helicopter, Lear Jet and Grumman GIII type ratings, along with five ATP licenses. We know first-hand the value the Foundation provides to Alaska's aviation community. The Alaska State Legislature's Pilot Caucus is proud to voice our support for the Medallion Foundation.

Natasha von Imhof


Alaska State Senate
Anchorage

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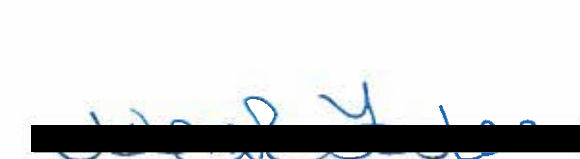
Sincerely,



Senator Mia Costello, Co-chair



Representative Lance Pruitt



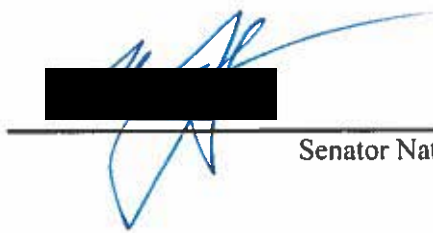
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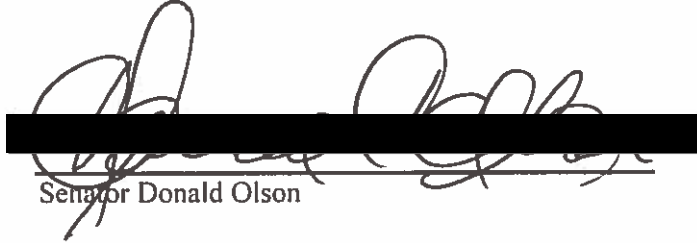
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