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STATEMENTS BY AOPA PRESIDENT CRAIG FULLER AND MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESSIONAL GENERAL AVIATION CAUCUS ON THE LAUNCH OF GENERAL AVIATION SERVES AMERICA CAMPAIGN

As a pilot, I have seen firsthand the critical role that general aviation plays in creating jobs and bolstering the local economy in rural communities across America. This campaign is an important tool for raising public awareness of general aviation, and I will continue to work with my colleagues in Congress to keep general aviation strong.

— Rep. Allen Boyd (D- Fla.), Co-Chair, General Aviation Caucus

General aviation is an important part of our nation's transportation system and economy. There are numerous challenges facing general aviation today, and I hope this campaign can help raise awareness about its value. To help enlighten some of my colleagues in Congress, I recently helped form the General Aviation Caucus. This new caucus will highlight general aviation issues on the Hill, and I hope it will help my colleagues recognize the great value of general aviation in each of their districts.

— Rep. Vernon Ehlers (R-Mich.), Co-Chair, General Aviation Caucus

At the heart of many of the many acute challenges that face general aviation is a widespread lack of understanding. I don't believe that the people responsible for making decisions about our transportation system want to cripple general aviation. They aren't looking to take away more than a million jobs or remove billions of dollars from the economy. They simply don't realize all that general aviation contributes to America.

Fortunately, there are some in Congress who do understand, and who have taken a leadership role in helping their colleagues understand.

— Craig L. Fuller, President and CEO, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Assn.

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