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The Honorable Joseph R. Biden Jr.
President of the United States
The White House
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The Honorable Billy Nolen
Acting Administrator
Federal Aviation Administration
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Washington, DC 20591

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear President Biden, Secretary Buttigieg and Administrator Nolan:

On behalf of the 600,000 active and retired members of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAM), **I urge you to support legislative and administrative remedies to modify the deadline for the Boeing 737 MAX-10 and MAX-7 programs to attain certification of the flight crew alerting system, as mandated under the Aircraft Certification, Safety and Accountability Act (ACSAA) of 2020.**

As you know, the IAM represents tens of thousands of production workers at the Boeing Company as well as major commercial aerospace suppliers such as Spirit Aerosystems. As the largest labor union in the aerospace industry, we continuously work with all parties to ensure aircraft safety is always front and center. This commitment is illustrated each and every day by our hard-working members' devotion to aircraft safety and excellence.

Unfortunately, the ACSAA as enacted will prevent the MAX-10 and MAX-7 programs from being certified after December 27, 2022. We do not believe that Congress intended this legislation to create a certification deadline for the MAX-10 and MAX-7 nor establish a deadline driven certification process.

The ACSAA deadline threatens to cancel the MAX-10 and MAX-7 aircraft programs, which would result in devastating impacts on thousands of workers and their communities throughout the U.S., as well as the future of the U.S. aerospace industry.

We request that the Biden administration supports an immediate remedy that holds to its commitment for aviation safety, while also allowing the MAX-10 and MAX-7 variants to complete the certification process. The IAM fully supports the remedy proposed by Senator Maria Cantwell (D-WA), a solution which would support section 116(b)(1) of the ACSAA, but provides an exception for applications for type certificates that were submitted before ACSAA

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was enacted, which would apply to both the MAX-10 and MAX-7 aircraft. The proposed solution by Senator Cantwell also mandates safety enhancements for all MAX aircraft. This proposal rightly adheres to aviation safety while requiring all parties to focus not on deadlines, but instead on passenger safety and compliance.

The Machinists Union looks forward to working with the Biden Administration to further aviation safety, efficiency of the aircraft safety certification process and superiority of the domestic aerospace manufacturing industry. We thank you for your consideration of these measures intended to place safety and compliance over arbitrary certification deadlines.

For any questions, please contact IAM National Legislative & Political Director Hasan Solomon at (301) 967-4575 or hsolomon@iamaw.org.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Martinez, Jr." The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "R" and "M".

Robert Martinez, Jr.
International President