

December 12, 2019

The Honorable James M. Inhofe
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: The Promoting Aviation Regulations for Technical Training (PARTT) 147 Act of 2019

Dear Senator Inhofe:

The undersigned organizations express our sincere gratitude for your leadership and support for aviation technical education through introduction of the PARTT 147 Act.

As you know, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulations dictating what educational institutions teach aspiring aviation maintenance mechanics have not been updated in more than five decades. In an age where technological advances are constantly driving innovation for safer and more efficient aircraft, schools are *mandated* to teach antiquated and inconsequential subject areas.

The aviation industry is thriving in Oklahoma. Continued growth is largely dependent on our ability to meet technical workforce needs. We cannot wait any longer for regulatory relief. Promulgation of the Act's performance-based regulation would give schools and employers the freedom to develop programs that better align with industry needs, and ensure individuals begin their careers equipped to hit the ground running.

The undersigned organizations therefore strongly support your legislation requiring the agency to modernize aviation maintenance technician training. We appreciate your leadership in this area and stand by to support your efforts as needed.

Sincerely,

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