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Senate Confirmation of Michael Huerta Clears Way for Aviation Modernization and Safety Initiatives

WASHINGTON, DC—Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO (TTD) President Edward Wytkind issues this statement on Senate confirmation of Michael Huerta as FAA Administrator:

"We are pleased the Senate has confirmed Michael Huerta for a five-year term as the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration. We thank Administrator Huerta for his willingness to serve during such a critical time and we pleage to be a full partner in helping the agency move forward with vital modernization and safety initiatives.

"Administrator Huerta has a proven track record as a problem solver in managing complex aviation investments and policies that make air travel safer and more efficient, and that support middle-class jobs. Moreover, he respects and understands the vital role of public and private sector employees in operating, building, maintaining and modernizing our aviation network.

"With so much unfinished business ahead, such as finding a long-term solution to our chronically underfunded aviation system, Michael Huerta is the right choice to lead that effort as the nation's chief aviation steward."

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