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The Honorable Bill Shuster
Chairman
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U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Peter DeFazio
Ranking Member
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The Honorable Frank LoBiondo
Chairman
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The Honorable Rick Larsen
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Shuster, Ranking Member DeFazio, Chairman LoBiondo, and Ranking Member Larsen:

I write to support the inclusion of a provision into the FAA reauthorization bill that would increase the minimum rest requirements for flight attendants to a 10-hour minimum rest period prior to a duty period. The current FAA rest minimum for Flight Attendants, even after a 14-hour duty day, is 9 hours which can be reduced to 8 hours. Even in the best circumstances an 8-hour break provides a rest opportunity of less than 6 hours, insufficient for the demands and safety function of this job.

Increasing the rest requirement creates a harmonized approach to the U.S. new pilot rest requirement and international recommendations for duty and rest and will start to address concerns pertaining to flight attendant fatigue. Additionally, it is also important for Congress to require regulators and air carriers, as a way to ensure the highest degree of safety in their operations, to expand the Fatigue Risk Management Plan (FRMP) specific to flight attendant operations under Part 121 that follow the structure of the flightcrew FRMP.

Thank you for your consideration and support for this provision. I look forward to working with you all soon to pass this important legislation.

Sincerely,



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