



PASS Supports Legislation Countering Impacts Of Sequestration

Today, the Professional Aviation Safety Specialists, AFL-CIO (PASS) voiced its support for the Essential Employees Act of 2013, which was introduced yesterday by Sen. Roy Blunt (R-Mo.).

The legislation, which is cosponsored by eight additional senators, would end most furloughs for the Air Traffic Organization (ATO) and Aviation Safety (AVS) workforces, including systems specialists and aviation safety inspectors.

Furloughing of the critical FAA workforce will lead to delays in restoration of equipment and slow the certification and approval process for airlines, airline manufacturers and pilots. PASS members are vital to ensuring the safety and efficiency of this country's aviation system, and PASS fully supports any legislation intended to keep these essential employees on the job.

PASS continues to examine various pieces of legislation aimed at ending the sequestration or lessening its impacts.

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For 36 years, PASS has represented more than 11,000 employees of the Federal Aviation Administration and the Department of Defense who install, maintain, support and certify air traffic control and national defense equipment, inspect and oversee the commercial and general aviation industries, develop flight procedures and perform quality analyses of the aviation systems. For more information, visit the PASS website at www.passnational.org.