



THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION
WASHINGTON, DC 20590

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Ms. Jennifer Rykaczewski
Executive Director
Affordable Skies
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Dear Ms. Rykaczewski:

The U.S. Department of Transportation is pleased to appoint you to its Aviation Consumer Protection Advisory Committee (ACPAC or Committee) as the consumer representative. Your appointment is for a term of up to 2 years, beginning on the date of this letter.

On May 24, 2012, the Department established ACPAC as mandated by section 411 of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012, as amended. Most recently, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024 extended the statutory authorization for the Committee through September 30, 2028.

The purpose of ACPAC is to evaluate existing aviation consumer protection programs and provide recommendations to the Secretary of Transportation for improving or establishing additional aviation consumer protection programs. Pursuant to statute, the ACPAC membership consists of one representative from each of the following: (1) air carriers; (2) airport operators; (3) State or local governments with expertise in consumer protection matters; and (4) nonprofit public interest groups with expertise in consumer protection matters. You can find information regarding ACPAC's previous work at <https://www.transportation.gov/airconsumer/ACPAC>.

Your work representing the views of consumers through Affordable Skies will greatly benefit the Department's efforts to improve passenger service and consumer protection. Your advocacy will add valuable perspectives that will help further the ACPAC mission.

Thank you for contributing your time and expertise. If you have any questions, please contact Ryan Patanaphan, Senior Attorney, Office of Aviation Consumer Protection at Ryan.Patanaphan@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sean P. Duffy", is located below the "Sincerely," text.

Sean P. Duffy