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NASAO OPPOSES TSA'S PROPOSED GENERAL AVIATION LARGE AIRCRAFT SECURITY PROGRAM

Washington, DC – The National Association of State Aviation Officials (NASAO) filed comments in opposition to the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Large Aircraft Security Program (LASP) proposed rule because it is not in the public interest. NASAO also urged the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to retract the flawed rule in its entirety. NASAO further advocates the establishment of a TSA/industry rule making committee similar to those in place in other agencies including FAA.

“Our members—state government aviation officials—around the nation voiced universal concern that this well-meaning proposed rule will result in great damage to a vital form of transportation without enhancing security in any meaningful way,” said NASAO President and CEO Henry Ogrodzinski.

In comments filed separately:

The **State of Colorado** believes this proposed rule “Will have a devastating impact on the elements of the aviation industry the TSA is trying to secure and safeguard”.

The **Commonwealth of Virginia** says, “...the LASP proposal is far too broad in the scope of its reach, while at the same time not persuasive as to the security gain that might be achieved”...and, “We believe that the proposed NPRM [Notice of Proposed Rule Making] will unduly degrade the entire premise of the GA business model”.

In the **State of Alaska**, lawmakers are petitioning the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to withdraw this NPRM because it risks destroying the entire rural Alaska aviation industry.

In its filing, NASAO also endorsed the comments of other aviation associations including: American Association of Airport Executives, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, General Aviation Manufacturers Association, and National Business Aviation Association citing the unique perspective each association brought to their objection of the proposed rule.

“NASAO stands ready and willing to work with TSA to genuinely enhance security,” said Ogrodzinski. “We hope the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security will seriously consider establishing a rulemaking committee to propose and oversee measures to meet TSA’s objectives.”

NASAO’s complete comments may be read on its web-site www.nasao.org.

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