

What Has ARSA Done for You Lately?

Regulatory Advocacy

- [Responded](#) to misleading statements about certification requirements made by the Department of Transportation's World-class Workforce Subcommittee
- Joined allies at the [Coalition for a Democratic Workplace](#) (CDW) in an [amicus curiae](#) (friend of the court) brief in the case [Roundy's v. Milwaukee Building & Construction Trades](#) fighting unfair non-employee union access to the workplace
- Served as voting member of the FAA Airworthiness Directive (AD) Advisory Rulemaking Committee, which submitted its [final report](#) in August 2011
- [Challenged](#) the FAA's assertion that the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration has sole jurisdiction over maintaining high-pressure cylinders and requested that the FAA change its guidance regarding their maintenance requirements
- Filed a petition for a [writ of mandamus](#) with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit asking the court to force the FAA to comply with its 2007 [ruling](#) which mandated that the agency prepare a final Regulatory Flexibility Act analysis of its 2006 rule requiring drug and alcohol testing of subcontractors at any tier
- [Requested](#) and [received](#) FAA affirmation that fabrication of a part is *not* considered maintenance
- Submitted [comments](#) to the National Transportation Safety Board's [advance notice of proposed rulemaking](#) suggesting changes that would bring justice to the adjudication process regarding FAA certificate actions
- Advised industry on the implementation and regulatory impacts of the US-EU [Bilateral Aviation Safety Agreement](#) (BASA), effective May 1, 2011
- [Commented](#) on the FAA's [proposed interpretation](#) of duty and rest provisions for maintenance personnel, pointing out that the interpretation impermissibly creates a de facto new duty time regulation under the cover of interpreting an existing rule, which therefore circumvents the rulemaking process
- [Filed comments](#) to the FAA's [proposed Airworthiness Directive \(AD\) legal interpretation](#); arguing that it overlooks the existing relationship between the design, production, operating, and maintenance rules in 14 CFR and that agency rules must be clear so they are understood by the person performing the required action
- Sent a [letter](#) to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission stressing the need for a consistent public policy regarding pre-employment background screenings
- [Opposed](#) a National Labor Relations Board [proposal](#) to speed up the unionization process which threatens an employer's ability to communicate with employees, making a mockery of the election process
- Joined the Coalition for a Democratic Workplace [rejecting](#) Department of Labor rule change that would significantly broaden reportable activities under the Labor Management Reporting & Disclosures Act

Legislative Advocacy

- Signed onto a [Small Business Coalition for Affordable Healthcare letter](#) encouraging support for legislation that would repeal the health care law ([H.R. 2](#))
- Presented sample legislation to House and Senate Aviation Subcommittee staff suggesting appropriate regulation of repair stations that balance safety and regulatory concerns while allowing the industry to prosper
- Secured language in the House-passed FAA reauthorization bill ([H.R. 658](#)) that ensures more effective oversight of repair stations, allowing the industry to build upon its safety record; subsequently, ARSA [endorsed](#) the House bill as preferable for aviation maintenance providers compared to the Senate's language
- Held dozens of meetings with House and Senate staffers directly involved in crafting FAA reauthorization legislation
- Joined more than 100 organizations in [successfully lobbying](#) Congress to [repeal](#) the 1099 IRS reporting mandate in the 2010 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act
- Participated in [lobbying efforts](#) to eliminate the three percent government contractor withholding tax in Sec. 511 of the 2006 Tax Increase Prevention Reconciliation Act
- Joined the [Coalition to Save our GPS](#), an ad hoc group of companies working to prevent disruptions to the GPS satellite spectrum from proposed broadband use
- [Sent](#) a letter to all House members requesting protection of the maintenance provisions in the FAA Reauthorization and Reform Act of 2011 (H.R. 658)
- Appeared before the House Small Business Committee to [deliver testimony](#) on the importance of the Regulatory Flexibility Act's protections for small businesses

- [Supported](#) the Job Protection Act ([S.964](#)) and [joined efforts to advance](#) the Protecting Jobs from Government Interference Act ([H.R. 2587](#)), measures defending an employer's right to do business by preventing the National Labor Relations Board from telling and employer where they can create jobs
- [Opposed](#) politicization of the federal procurement process by [joining](#) hundreds of allies supporting the Keeping Politics Out of Federal Contracting Act ([H.R. 2008/S. 1100](#))
- As a member of the [Coalition for a Democratic Workplace](#), fought to prevent "card check" legislation as well as back-door regulatory efforts to impose such measures; signed onto a CDW [letter](#) opposing an NLRB push to decrease the timeframe for union organizing elections
- Coordinated letters to Senators Patty Murray and Aviation Subcommittee Chair Maria Cantwell from repair stations in their home state of Washington urging the Senate to recede to the ARSA-endorsed repair station and noncertificated maintenance language in the House-passed FAA bill
- Issued a [statement](#) criticizing Congress for using political gamesmanship to put politics ahead of aviation safety during the debate over the 21st FAA authorization extension
- Launched the "[Keep it Clean](#)" campaign, encouraging lawmakers to keep must-pass FAA reauthorizations clean while working toward final passage of a new multiyear reauthorization of funding and operating authority for the agency
- Started a lobbying campaign to "[Lift the Ban](#)" on the FAA's ability to issue new foreign repair station certificates. Surveyed ARSA members on the prohibition's impact and used the data to inform the campaign's efforts

Media Advocacy and Public Relations

- [Appeared](#) on PBS's Frontline to defend the safety record of aviation maintenance and contract repair stations
- Initiated a media tracking program to monitor MRO news and developments in trade, industry, local and national press outlets
- Provided reporters with information and background about aviation maintenance and PPC data about the national and localized [economic footprint](#) of repair stations
- Established the ARSA PR Committee consisting of leading aviation maintenance company representatives to direct PPC actions and expenditures
- Sent [letters](#) to the editor and reporters in opposition to a one-sided Transport Workers Union (TWU) report about repair station safety
- [Responded](#) to *Washington Examiner* biased TWU coverage
- Released a [survey](#) detailing the benefits of Bilateral Aviation Safety Agreements (BASAs) for certificated repair stations
- [Blasted biased reporting](#) from a local Seattle television affiliate that paints a distorted picture of the contract repair industry

Other Activities

- [Established](#) a scholarship for students attending a FAA certificated Part 147 aviation technician school
- Expanded the availability of [Aviation Alliance Insurance Risk Retention Group \(AAIRRG\)](#), a low-cost MRO insurance option, to include 29 states
- [Announced](#) a partnership with the [International Aerospace Quality Working Group](#) to improve the global aerospace supply chain
- Held a membership outreach and updates [meeting](#) in Tukwila, Washington
- Launched ARSA social media presence on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#)
- Upgraded the [ARSA website](#) to a new, easier to navigate web platform, updating much of the site's content and improving its readability
- Revitalized ARSA's Political Action Committee with a new campaign to invigorate fundraising and impact elections