

MARITIME LABOR ALLIANCE



Via Email

September 7, 2017

U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Subject: Anti-Privatization

Dear Representative:

The Maritime Labor Alliance (MLA) is opposed to the privatization of our nation's air traffic control system. The proposed changes pose a major threat to the labor rights and jobs of all American workers, including America's maritime workers. Included in the 21st Century Aviation Innovation, Reform, and Reauthorization Act (H.R.2997), we urge you to oppose the privatization of this critical public infrastructure.

The MLA is comprised of the American Radio Association, the Inland Boatman's Union, the International Longshoremen's Association, the International Longshore and Warehouse Union, the International Association of Masters, Mates & Pilots, and the Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association.

If corporate interests get their way, they are likely to slash and offshore jobs, increase automation, and forego "Buy American" laws. Rather than privatizing and outsourcing one of America's most vital assets, the Congress should fully fund the air traffic control system.

Privatization is not the only anti-union aspect of H.R. 2997. The legislation also negatively changes the union representation election process, weakens union bargaining unit status, and generally limits the ability of workers to organize and collectively bargain.

Regards,



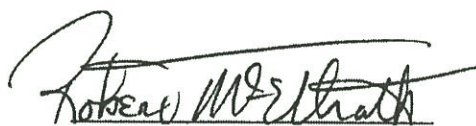
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The Maritime Labor Alliance consists of six leading maritime labor unions: American Radio Association (ARA), Inlandboatmen's Union of the Pacific (IBU), International Longshoremen's Association (ILA), International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU), Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association and International Organization of Masters, Mates & Pilots (MM&P).

Together, we represent 120,000 maritime workers employed in every sector of the industry. Members of MLA unions have served the country on the docks and at sea in peace and war from 1875 to today.