

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

April 3, 2025

The Honorable Chris Rocheleau
Acting Administrator
Federal Aviation Administration
800 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, D.C. 20591

Dear Acting Administrator Rocheleau:

We write to you to request information on the recent temporary outages of the Notice to Airmen (NOTAM) system as well as an update on efforts to modernize the system.

Pilots rely on the NOTAM system to remain aware of safety hazards on flight routes. This system is critical to the safety of the nearly 3 million passengers who fly over the U.S. every day. That's why, following the 2023 outage that led to 1,300 cancelled flights and nearly 10,000 delays, Congress passed our legislation, the NOTAM Improvement Act, to require the FAA to implement a modernized NOTAM system and backup system by September 30, 2024.

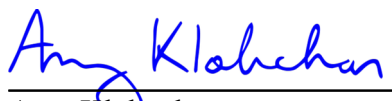
As you know, the primary NOTAM system experienced outages for several hours on February 1 and March 22. While we are pleased that the backup system is in place as of July 2024 and was successfully activated during that outage, we are concerned about the past due implementation of a modernized NOTAM system, as required by law.

To better understand the recent outages and FAA's progress toward implementing an upgraded NOTAM system, we request the following information:

1. What caused the recent NOTAM outages? What steps is the FAA taking to mitigate future outages?
2. How quickly was the backup system activated during the outages? How effective was the backup system, including its performance in comparison to the primary system?
3. Please provide an update on the FAA's implementation of the NOTAM Improvement Act, particularly the status of efforts to implement an upgraded NOTAM system.

Travelers deserve flights that are safe and on time. We urge you to ensure that a modernized NOTAM system is implemented in a timely manner. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

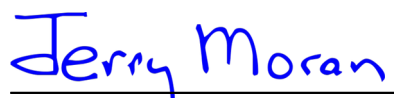
Sincerely,



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