

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

February 25, 2013

The Honorable Ray LaHood
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary LaHood:

Since August of 2012, Congress has attempted to gather information from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regarding spend plans under the current continuing resolution and in preparation for the possibility of a budget sequestration that may take effect on March 1 of this year. To date, those requests for information have gone unanswered. Given the Administration and the Department's recent statements on a possible sequestration's effects on the traveling public, it is imperative that the information we have continuously sought be provided as soon as possible.

Therefore, we are formally requesting that Department of Transportation and FAA provide to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate the following information:

- The FAA's spend plan for operating under the current continuing resolution. This plan should have been produced by the agency in October of 2012;
- The FAA's spend plan for the Operations account by object class by month at the continuing resolution level for the full fiscal year; and
- The FAA's spend plan for the Operations account by object class by month at the sequester level for the full fiscal year.

We ask that you provide the requested documents and information immediately.

Sincerely,



Bill Shuster
Chairman
House Committee on Transportation
and Infrastructure



John Thune
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Commerce,
Science and Transportation