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LEGISLATIVE ALERT

Vote “NO” on H.R. 915 – *ATR “MAY RATE” Vote Against the “FAA Reauthorization Act of 2009”*

Americans for Tax Reform urges all members of the U.S. House of Representatives to vote against H.R. 915, the bloated “FAA Reauthorization Act of 2009.” The bill is a bad deal for taxpayers for the following reasons:

It raises taxes. H.R. 915 seeks to increase the maximum passenger facility charge (PFC), taxes airports levy on individual passenger travel segments, from \$4.50 to \$7.00 per segment per passenger. This constitutes an unwarranted \$2.2 billion tax increase at a time when the financial health of airports is strong, and additional federal dollars are flowing towards airport improvement and security projects via the “stimulus” bill Congress passed earlier this year.

In addition, the amendment in Part B “proposed to be considered as adopted” would not only extend Airport and Airway Trust Fund taxes applicable to the transportation of persons by air, the transportation of property by air, and fuel (aviation-grade kerosene and aviation gasoline) used in commercial aviation. It would further raise the taxes applicable to fuel used in noncommercial aviation from 21.8 cents/gallon to 35.9 cents/gallon in the for aviation-grade kerosene and from 19.3 cents/gallon to 24.1 cents/gallon for aviation gasoline. The amendment would raise \$599 million from fiscal years 2010 to 2014 and \$1.324 billion from fiscal years 2010 to 2019.

Taxpayers are already struggling to make ends meet – they should not be saddled with even higher taxes.

The bill contains several harmful provisions from a labor/competitiveness standpoint: Section 303 of the bill decreases American competitiveness by forcing our EU trading partners to comply with U.S. Federal legislation mandating a twice annual inspection of non-U.S. based foreign repair stations. It is not the role of the U.S. government to implement a regulatory regime over other countries. Further, this measure directly places 130,000 non-union jobs in the crosshairs while saving a significantly less number of unionized jobs.

Further, this misguided bill would take away the ability of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), to resolve its current labor dispute with the air traffic controllers union in a timely manner. Blocking the FAA from implementing its own management plan results in a \$1 billion salary increase for corrupt labor unions.

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Vote “No” on H.R. 915!**

**ATR MAY RATE A VOTE AGAINST H.R. 915 IN OUR ANNUAL
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