

Memo

To: Kate Breen, NAATS President
From: Wally Pike, Congressional Affairs
CC: file
Date: August 11, 2005
Re: Update

The FAA has been busy circulating misleading information to the Senate, especially the appropriators. We've developed a rebuttal that we're distributing on the Hill and I've attached a copy that our members can use when they contact their senators.

Last week I sent you the names of what we consider to be the best opportunities among the Republicans in the senate. I did not include Snowe, Collins or Thune because we felt their commitments were in place. However, after talking with some of our members I believe it would be a good idea to also contact these senators and ensure they will vote our way when the amendment is offered. (For Senator Snowe the key contact is Legislative Aide Terry McNaughton who is in Maine all this month.) My thanks to those members who have already made these contacts and have sent the information to me for follow-up.

I also did not mention Conrad Burns. This was an oversight on my part. We do consider him to be "in play" but we do not have his commitment yet. We would appreciate all the help our members can provide in securing his support.

I also received a request that we provide what state the senators represent. Please see below:

Bond (MO)
Burns (MT)
Burr (NC)
Chafee (RI)
Cochran (MS)
Coleman (MN)
Collins (ME)
DeWine (OH)
Dole (NC)
Frist (TN)
Grassley (IA)
Gregg (NH)

Hatch (UT)
Inhofe (OK)
Lott (MS)
Lugar (IN)
Martinez (FL)
Murkowski (AK)
Santorum (PA)
Snowe (ME)
Specter (PA)
Stevens (AK)
Voinovich (OH)

In a previous message I mentioned our EKN members contacting Senator Byrd. We have learned that he might be willing to take a leadership role if his staff better understood the impact on constituents. I ask that our EKN members contact Senator Byrd's State Director Anne Barth (304-342-5855) directly and explain the adverse effect this will have on both them individually and on Elkins as a community. If they are successful in scheduling personal meeting with her in Charleston I will be happy to accompany them. Needless to say, if Senator Byrd takes this issue on in a leadership capacity it will do much to ensure our success as we move through this process.