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P R E S I D E N T

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Mr. Wally Pike
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National Association of Air Traffic Specialists
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Dear President Pike:

America's air traffic control system and its employees form the backbone of the world's safest air transportation system. Members of the National Association of Air Traffic Specialists provide many essential services to the flying public that are critically important to the safety and security of the national airspace system.

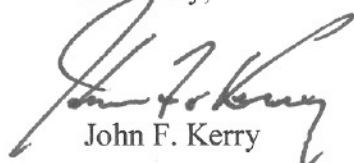
As I have maintained throughout my career in public office, the core functions of our nation's air traffic control system are inherently governmental. That is why I have been disappointed with the Bush Administration's plans to conduct an A76 study and to outsource key components of our air traffic control system. This appears to be part of a concerted effort to privatize all air traffic control services.

Under a Kerry Administration, there will be no outsourcing of air traffic control, including work in flight service. Indeed we will restore the partnership between the FAA and all its employees that is essential to true progress in the important task of advancing key modernization efforts and keeping our skies safe.

I would be honored to have your support and the endorsement of the National Association of Air Traffic Specialists.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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