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Mr. Russell "Chip" Childs  
President and Chief Executive Officer, SkyWest, Inc.  
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Dear Mr. Childs:

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) requests the NextGen Advisory Committee (NAC) continue its work on two tasks, which originated in 2018, to provide the FAA advice on industry implementation risks and mitigations.

**Task 18-4. Northeast Corridor: Implementation Risks and Mitigations of the NextGen Priorities Joint Implementation Plan (continued)**

The FAA requests that the NAC continue to identify Northeast Corridor (NEC) risks and mitigations to the successful operational implementation of industry commitments with respect to the *NextGen Priorities Joint Implementation Plan* through calendar year 2021. The NAC should also include any needed industry mitigations to support successful operational integration of the joint commitments. Please report identified NEC industry Risks and Mitigations Recommendations during upcoming NAC meetings:

- Spring 2020: NEC Risks and Mitigations Recommendations Report
- Fall 2020: NEC Risks and Mitigations Recommendations Report
- Summer 2021: NEC Risks and Mitigations Recommendations Report

**Task 18-5. NextGen Priorities Four Focus Areas: Implementation Risks and Mitigations of the NextGen Priorities Joint Implementation Plan (continued)**

The FAA requests that the NAC continue to identify industry risks and mitigations to the successful operational implementation of the four focus areas (i.e., Data Communications, Multiple Runway Operations, Performance Based Navigation, and Surface and Data Sharing) with respect to industry commitments specified in the *NextGen Priorities Joint Implementation Plan* through calendar year 2021. Please report identified Risks and Mitigations Recommendations for each focus area during upcoming NAC meetings:

- Spring 2020: Four Focus Areas Risks and Mitigations Recommendations Report
- Fall 2020: Four Focus Areas Risks and Mitigations Recommendations Report
- Summer 2021: NEC Risks and Mitigations Recommendations Report

Thank you for your leadership as NAC Chairman and for the valuable contributions of the entire committee toward successful implementation of NextGen.

If you have questions, please contact Pamela Whitley, Acting Assistant Administrator for NextGen, at [Pamela.Whitley@faa.gov](mailto:Pamela.Whitley@faa.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "DK Elwell". The letters are cursive and somewhat stylized.

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Deputy Administrator