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**Federal Aviation
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July 16, 2019

The Honorable Roger Wicker
Chairman, Committee on Commerce,
Science, and Transportation
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Wicker:

Section 544 of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Reauthorization Act of 2018 (P. L. 115-254) requires the Secretary of Transportation to report to Congress the fiscal year dollar amount of FAA’s acquisitions that are subject to the Buy American Act (P.L. 72-428, codified at 41 U.S.C. §8301-8305) from entities that manufacture articles, material, or supplies outside the United States. Additionally, Section 544 requires a fiscal year summary of the total procurement funds spent on goods manufactured both inside and outside of the United States that were subject to the Buy American Act. This letter report meets the criteria set forth in Section 544.

For Fiscal Year (FY) 2018, FAA spent a total of \$8,863,340.79 for articles, material or supplies manufactured outside the United States that were subject to provisions of the Buy American Act. This represents 1.6 percent of FAA’s total spent for those articles, material, or supplies subject to the Buy American Act. Information Technology, which had limited or no domestic availability, comprised the majority of this foreign spending. In comparison, FAA spent a total of \$545,884,943.32 in FY 2018 for those Buy American Act articles, material or supplies that were manufactured within the United States.

This table provides a summary and comparison of the total procurement funds spent on goods manufactured both within and outside of the United States:

Federal Aviation Administration Total Procurement Funds Spent Subject to Buy American Act FY 2018		
Description	U.S. Domestic Spending	U.S. Foreign Spending
Aircraft Parts and Auxiliary Equipment	\$13,524,663.95	\$1,932,581.40
Communication Equipment Repair and Maintenance	\$88,274,677.17	\$665,216.01

Computer, Computer Peripheral Equipment and Software	\$182,881,408.48	\$5,216,556.88
General Supply	\$258,775,433.70	\$668,700.50
Optical Instrument and Lens Manufacturing	\$2,428,760.02	\$380,286.00
Total	\$545,884,943.32	\$8,863,340.79

This report will be publicly available on the FAA's website not later than 30 days after the date of this letter.

A similar letter report has been sent to the Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, and to the Chairman and Ranking Member of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

Sincerely,



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