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## SWAPA Supports Aviation Workforce Development Act

(DALLAS) — The Southwest Airlines Pilots Association, SWAPA, is a strong supporter of the Aviation Workforce Development Act.

Attracting new workers into the aviation career field is critical to the future of aviation. The Aviation Workforce Development Act will help in reducing the biggest barrier to entry, and that is cost. Flight training to become a commercial pilot at a private institution can easily exceed \$100,000. This bill will make that goal more attainable by expanding the use of 529 savings plans to include flight training and aviation technician education programs.

Commercial aviation is growing, but that growth is unsustainable without a healthy supply of workers entering the career field. The Aviation Workforce Development Act is a good first step in helping secure the pipeline of tomorrow's aviation workforce.

### About SWAPA

Located in Dallas, Texas, the Southwest Airlines Pilots Association (SWAPA) is a non-profit employee organization representing the more than 10,000 pilots of Southwest Airlines. SWAPA works to provide a secure and rewarding career for Southwest pilots and their families through negotiating contracts, defending contractual rights, and actively promoting professionalism and safety. For more information on the Southwest Airlines Pilots Association, visit [www.swapa.org](http://www.swapa.org).