



Memorandum

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To: Deputy Assistant Secretary for Economic Policy

The coronavirus pandemic has highlighted the importance of developing and maintaining resilient supply chains in industries that are essential to the Nation's economic vitality, national security, and public health. The aviation industry is one of the largest employers in the United States and relies on global supply chains to import critical components for manufacturing aircraft and aircraft engines.

Citing the significance of the aviation industry to the Nation's economy, the ranking members of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and its Subcommittee on Aviation asked us to assess how the Department of Transportation (DOT), working with other Federal agencies,¹ tracks the amount of imported critical aircraft, aircraft engines, and other aviation parts and components. In addition, recently issued Executive Order 14017 on America's Supply Chains² reflects the Administration's increased interest in understanding and protecting supply chains for critical aviation parts in the United States.

Accordingly, we are initiating an audit to (1) determine how DOT is tracking imported aviation products and (2) identify potential impacts on the U.S. aerospace industry if imported aviation products are unavailable in the future.

¹ DOT collaborates with the Department of State and the U.S. Trade Representative, among other Federal agencies, on international trade and aviation issues including, reducing trade barriers, and facilitating the export of domestic transportation goods and services.

² The White House, [Executive Order on America's Supply Chains](#), February 24, 2021. This executive order, in part, directs the U.S. Department of Transportation to prepare a report within a year on the supply chains supporting the Nation's transportation industrial base.

We plan to begin the audit immediately and will contact your audit liaison to schedule an entrance conference. We will conduct our work at FAA Headquarters and other sites as required. If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 366-1987 or Jay Borwankar, Program Director, at (202) 493-0970.

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