



**NATCA | NATIONAL AIR TRAFFIC
CONTROLLERS ASSOCIATION**

Candidate Questionnaire Responses



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CANDIDATE RESPONSES

Question 1: Will you support legislation that ensures the U.S. aviation system remains the safest and most efficient system in the world?

CANDIDATE'S RESPONSE: YES

I support the funding necessary to maintain the safest and most efficient aviation system in the world, but Washington should be asking, "Why are we facing a staffing crisis in the first place?" Air traffic controllers are being pushed into excessive overtime because Congress has neglected critical domestic priorities while directing massive spending toward foreign wars and overseas military engagements.

Aviation safety is not optional—it's one of the federal government's core responsibilities. The solution is a realignment of priorities: fully funding controller hiring and training, improving retention, and modernizing FAA equipment and infrastructure so the system can operate safely without burning out its workforce.

When Washington curbs its massive funding for foreign wars and overseas military engagements, it can fully staff America's control towers, support aviation safety professionals, and implement a truly robust, top-tier, state-of-the-art workforce strategy that eliminates chronic forced overtime affecting the system today.

It's imperative the U.S. aviation system must remain the safest and most efficient system in the world!

Question 2: Will you support legislation that bolsters recruitment and retention of controllers and oppose harmful legislation affecting their pay, retirement, and employment?

CANDIDATE'S RESPONSE: YES

I support policies that strengthen the hiring, training, retention, and safety of air traffic controllers and other aviation safety professionals. The current staffing shortages and excessive overtime show the need for a more stable and effective approach to maintaining this workforce. Aviation safety workers should not be overworked because of long-term staffing failures.

American taxpayers support, expect, and depend on a fully staffed aviation system that is properly supported and not pushed to the brink by preventable workforce shortages.

We must never cut on safety!

Question 3: Will you support legislation to improve controller staffing and extend hiring provisions in the 2024 FAA Reauthorization law?

CANDIDATE'S RESPONSE: YES

The air traffic control system has been understaffed for too long and continues to rely on unsustainable overtime and strain. Extending the maximum controller hiring provisions in the 2024 FAA Reauthorization law and ensuring the FAA has the funding needed for these efforts is essential to restoring stable and safe operations.

When staffing falls short, controllers are pushed beyond reasonable limits and the entire system absorbs the risk. I support continuing these hiring and funding efforts until staffing levels are fully restored and the system is no longer in crisis.

Pro safety. Cut inefficiency. Fiscally pragmatic!

Question 4: Will you support legislation ensuring funding stability so controllers are never unpaid during shutdowns?

CANDIDATE'S RESPONSE: YES

No controller should ever work full-time without pay during a government shutdown again. Aviation safety is not negotiable, and the system requires stable, uninterrupted funding to function properly.

American taxpayers support, expect, and depend on a fully functioning aviation system that never fails its workforce during political shutdowns.

Transportation “rest rules” exist because safety depends on them. Fresh eyes, mental alertness, and rested crews save lives.

Question 5: Will you support full FAA modernization funding and NATCA involvement?

CANDIDATE'S RESPONSE: YES

The FAA must be fully funded to modernize the air traffic control system and ensure the United States remains not only the gold standard, but a state-of-the-art, top-tier aviation system. NATCA subject matter experts need to be involved at every stage to keep the system safe and practical.

American taxpayers support, expect, and deserve a system that reflects that high standard.

Source: [National Air Traffic Controllers Association \(NATCA\)](#)