

**Statements in support of Mr. John DeLeeuw's nomination:**

**Airlines for America (A4A):** *"Captain DeLeeuw's decades of experience in the cockpit of both commercial and military aircraft provide him the technical expertise to support the ongoing work of the NTSB. Additionally, his current role as the Managing Director of Safety and Efficiency at American Airlines give him unique knowledge into the safety managements systems in the real world. Airlines work tirelessly to constantly improve their robust safety management systems, and safety is always the priority for each and every flight we operate. The NTSB would greatly benefit from Captain DeLeeuw's expertise, and he will make important contributions to enhance aviation's strong safety culture."*

**Allied Pilots Association (APA):** *"Captain DeLeeuw's insights into the operational realities of aviation, combined with his analytical approach to safety and risk management, will be a valuable complement to the NTSB's mission. His collaborative spirit and commitment to transparency further underscore his readiness to serve the American public in this capacity...His appointment would be an asset to the Board and to the continued advancement of transportation safety in the United States."*

**American Airlines:** *"Captain DeLeeuw has long been a champion of safety – in the aviation industry and for our nation. As a United States Air Force pilot, he dedicated more than seven years while on active duty in defense of the American people. That custodial duty followed Captain DeLeeuw to American Airlines where he has not only maintained the safety of the skies while on the flight deck but has led our airline and our global industry in pursuit of continuous improvement."*

**American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association (ASLRRA):** *"The ASLRRA supports the nomination of John DeLeeuw as an NTSB Board Member. His decades long career of demonstrating attention to safety and leadership in elevating safety above competing priorities make him an ideal board member. He understands what it takes to operate in both commercial and military combat environments, keeping safety at the forefront...This deep experience in establishing practices that support safety culture and safety performance and the procedures and protocols of managing an investigation will allow for Captain DeLeeuw to make an immediate impact at the NSTB."*

**Boeing:** *"Mr. DeLeeuw would bring a wealth of expertise and knowledge to the NTSB: more than three decades of experience as a military and commercial pilot, with deeply rooted experience in aviation safety and risk management. His 19,000 flight hours, on a variety of aircraft including the C-130, the 727, MD-80, and the 787, give him a practical understanding of human factors and the operational realities that influence transportation safety operations."*

**Flight Safety Foundation:** *“John brings direct, relevant experience with major investigations and safety communications. He has served as American Airlines’ party coordinator in NTSB investigations and understands both the rigor of the Board’s process and the discipline required to separate advocacy from objective analysis. Combined with prior service as a U.S. Air Force C-130 evaluator and instructor pilot, his background equips him to approach complex investigations with independence, technical competence, and humility.”*

**Regional Airline Association (RAA):** *“Captain DeLeeuw has dedicated the majority of his career to improving aviation safety and increasing the adoption of a positive safety culture in aviation...Regional carriers are proud of our robust safety management systems and safety is always the priority for each and every flight we operate. Captain DeLeeuw would provide first-hand knowledge of our industry’s strong safety culture and be an asset to the multi-modal safety work of the Board.”*

**Southwest Airlines:** *“As a leader in aviation safety with a history of service to the country, Mr. DeLeeuw is prepared to fill this critical role and help ensure that aviation remains the safest mode of transportation. Mr. DeLeeuw’s strong record includes years of leadership and service as a pilot in the United States Air Force followed by decades as a Captain at American Airlines, including time as the Managing Director for Safety. John is a strong safety advocate who works openly and collaboratively with all stakeholders to continuously improve Safety across our industry.”*

**Southwest Airlines Pilots Association (SWAPA):** *“Captain DeLeeuw has extensive experience in the airline industry and has dedicated his life to aviation safety. His credentials and credibility make him exceptionally equipped for this vital safety role. I believe he is uniquely qualified as his work as an investigator and Managing Director of Safety for American Airlines and as the National Safety Chair for the Allied Pilots Association have allowed him to see first-hand the impact that the NTSB has on the safety and efficacy of the airline industry.”*