



## **ACI-NA UPDATES**

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### **Elaine Duke Confirmed as Deputy DHS Secretary**

The Senate today by a vote of 85-14 confirmed the Honorable Elaine Duke as Deputy Secretary at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Duke served in senior roles in the department in the administrations of George W. Bush and Barack Obama, most recently as undersecretary for management from 2008 to 2010.

### **ACI-NA and AAAE Send Regulatory Reform Suggestions to White House**

ACI-NA and AAAE recently sent to the White House recommendations on areas where federal agencies can and should ease the burden of federal regulations on airports, so that airports can operate in a more business-like and efficient manner, generate greater economic activity, create jobs, and benefit the traveling public. The White House had requested these recommendations during the meeting President Trump had with airport operators and airlines back in February. Please click [here](#) for the summary of the recommendations and [here](#) for the more detailed list.

### **House Holds Hearing on Aviation Innovation**

The House Aviation Subcommittee today held the fourth hearing in its series on FAA reauthorization titled “Building a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Infrastructure for America: Enabling Innovation in the National Airspace.” The hearing focused on representatives from different segments of new aviation technologies, users, business models, and their role in building a stronger aviation transportation system, as well as any potential challenges operators may face when trying to integrate new technology in the National Airspace System. You can view the hearing [here](#). Witnesses included the following:

- Ms. Shelley J. Yak, Director, William J. Hughes Technical Center, Federal Aviation Administration | [Written Testimony](#)

- Mr. Gregory McNeal, Executive Vice President and Co-Founder, AirMap | [Written Testimony](#)
- Mr. Sean Cassidy, Director, Safety and Regulatory Affairs, Amazon Prime Air | [Written Testimony](#)
- Mr. Calvin Clifford “Trey” Fayard, III, Chief Executive Officer, FlyGLO LLC | [Written Testimony](#)
- Mr. Brian Whiteside, President, VDOS Global | [Written Testimony](#)
- Mr. Michael P. Moses, President, Virgin Galactic | [Written Testimony](#)

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