

Washington – The Airline Safety and Pilot Training Improvement Act (H.R. 3371) - which was introduced today by Jerry Costello, Chair of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Aviation – incorporates key provisions from legislation introduced by Reps. Rush Holt (NJ-12), Brian Higgins (NY-27), and Chris Lee (NY-26). Last Tuesday, the Congressmen introduced the Ensuring One Level of Aviation Safety Act of 2009. The bill introduction came after the National Transportation Safety Board's investigation of the crash of Continental flight 3407, near Buffalo, exposed serious deficiencies in the Federal Aviation Administration's oversight of regional air carriers.

"I commend Chairman Costello for his introduction of the Airline Safety and Pilot Training Improvement Act and am pleased to be an original cosponsor of this bill," Holt said. "I hope to work with the Chairman to move this legislation quickly, so that we can ensure that the safety oversights that were identified as the cause of the Buffalo crash never happen again."

As with Holt's legislation, H.R. 3371 would require the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to implement recommendations by the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) that allow for:

- Random, unannounced, on-site safety inspections of regional air carriers;
- New rules to address pilot fatigue;
- Carriers to have greater access to information about pilot practical test failures;
- Greater oversight of pilot training schools;
- And the establishment of a national standard relative to the minimum number of flight hours required for commercial aircraft pilots.

Holt's bill is [supported](#) by the ' [Families of Continental Flight 3407](#) .' For more information on the efforts of the victims' families visit:

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