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The Southwest Airlines Pilots' Association Supports the Nomination of Elaine Chao for Secretary of Transportation

DALLAS - Representing more than 8,400 pilots, the Southwest Airlines Pilots' Association (SWAPA) today announced their support for President-Elect Trump's nomination of Elaine Chao as Secretary of Transportation.

"As a former Secretary of Labor and Deputy Secretary of Transportation, she has a long track record and the requisite qualifications to upgrade our nation's infrastructure and speed up the modernization of our aviation systems," said Captain Jon Weaks, president of SWAPA. "I look forward to working with Secretary Chao again as I did in 2001-2002 when she was Labor Secretary and I was SWAPA President. It is SWAPA's hope to work together to keep our skies the safest and most efficient in the world so that the country can continue to foster economic growth and opportunities for the men and women in the U.S. aviation industry."

SWAPA pilots are leaders in aviation industry productivity and are the world's leading experts on flying the Boeing-737. SWAPA works to promote professionalism and safety throughout the aviation industry.

Located in Dallas, Texas, the Southwest Airlines Pilots' Association (SWAPA) is a non-profit employee organization representing the more than 8,400 pilots of Southwest Airlines. SWAPA works to provide a secure and rewarding career for Southwest pilots and their families through negotiating contracts, defending contractual rights and actively promoting professionalism and safety. For more information on the Southwest Airlines Pilots' Association, visit www.swapa.org.