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**News Release**

## **Airlines for America Urges Support for Senator Burr's Service Animal Bill**

**WASHINGTON, APRIL 10, 2018:** [Airlines for America](#) (A4A), the industry organization representing the leading U.S. airlines, today issued a statement applauding Senator Richard Burr's legislation requiring the Department of Transportation (DOT) to adopt a standard of service animal behavior training. A4A urges Members of Congress and all stakeholders to support this sensible bill. The bill ensures that the DOT's definition of service animals is aligned with the Department of Justice's (DOJ) definition under the Americans with Disabilities Act, enabling the airline industry to provide a healthy and safe inflight environment for all passengers and crew.

"We strongly support Senator Burr's bill to protect the best interest of all passengers, airline employees, and the military veterans and individuals with disabilities who travel with legitimate service animals," said Nicholas E. Calio, president and CEO of A4A. "This will minimize the health and safety risk to passengers and employees from animals that aren't trained to behave properly."

### **ABOUT A4A**

Annually, commercial aviation helps drive \$1.5 trillion in U.S. economic activity and more than 10 million U.S. jobs. Airlines for America (A4A) vigorously advocates on behalf of the American airline industry as a model of safety, customer service and environmental responsibility and as the indispensable network that drives our nation's economy and global competitiveness.

America needs a cohesive National Airline Policy that will support the integral role the nation's airlines play in connecting people and goods globally, spur the nation's economic growth and create more high-paying jobs. A4A works collaboratively with the airlines, labor groups, Congress and the Administration to improve air travel for everyone.

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