



How Air Traffic Control Reform Makes Our Skies Smarter:

Enhanced Safety

- The FAA will be able to do what it does best—focus exclusively on aviation safety, so this function will stay in government.
- A self-funded entity not tied to federal budgetary constraints will allow faster implementation of high-tech, state-of-the-art technologies for managing airspace, making air travel safer.
- Today, U.S. controllers, who are the most skilled and best trained in the world, are using dated equipment to control air traffic. The introduction of new technologies that provide greater precision in separating aircraft, and improving controller situational awareness, will improve safety. No more handwritten paper flight strips in control towers.
- Aviation experts and the International Civil Aviation Organization recommend that there should be separation between the air traffic service provider and the safety regulator. This initiative will allow the FAA to oversee and regulate air traffic control services as a regulator should - with a degree of separation. It is how the FAA performs oversight of airlines, manufacturers, and airports. And, it is the practice followed by virtually every other civil aviation authority in the world. The U.S. and France are the only countries in the free, industrialized world who have not adopted the practice.
- Controllers deserve the best, state-of-the-art tools to safely manage our increasingly complex airspace. A separate, non-government entity will better manage a 24-hour, active airspace operation and deliver these tools. The private sector innovates and modernizes much better and faster than the federal government.