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Critical shortage of Aviation Maintenance Technicians

SENATE ADDRESSES MAINTENANCE TECH SHORTAGE

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What is quickly becoming a critical shortage of aviation maintenance technicians has caught the attention of the U.S. Senate. In an attempt to spur more new A&Ps, Sens. Jim Inhofe (R-Okla.), Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.), Jerry Moran (R-Kan.), and Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.) sponsored the [Aviation Maintenance Workforce Development Pilot Program](#), introduced March 7. The bill has support from a diverse group of aviation industry organizations including AOPA.

[Boeing estimates nearly 120,000 new technicians](#) will be needed in North America over the next two decades, and with new entrants making up just 2 percent of the population of aviation technicians, the bill could not come at a better time.

Sen. Inhofe spoke about the importance of recruiting the next generation of America's workforce, saying, "Our aviation industry needs skilled workers and the aviation maintenance industry provides high-paying, high-skilled jobs across the country. **Aviation is an economic multiplier, connecting local communities and cities in support of commercial activity and generating tourism revenue.**"

"**Aviation is a cornerstone of the American economy** and this bill will help give American workers the skills they need to find good-paying jobs," said AOPA President and CEO Mark Baker.

With these facts; why did the Teamsters agree to an 8 year wage progression?
This just proves again the Teamsters can't negotiate. It's a fact the Truckers union can't negotiate for United Airlines Technicians

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