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## SWAPA Statement on Continued Government Shutdown

(DALLAS) — Captain Jody Reven, president of the Southwest Airlines Pilots Association (SWAPA), today called on Congress to act swiftly to end the government shutdown.

"Considering the strain on our nation's aviation system, SWAPA strongly urges Congress to pass a **clean Continuing Resolution** to fund the government," said Captain Reven.

He continued, "Our air traffic controllers and the broader air traffic system are already operating under immense pressure — a government shutdown only compounds that stress and threatens the efficiency of our skies as we see the impact of reduced controller availability at facilities across the country. Likewise, TSA professionals continue to show up every day to safeguard the traveling public, even without pay. These men and women deserve our full support and the certainty of a paycheck."

SWAPA calls on Congress to act now: pass a clean Continuing Resolution, return to Washington, and work in a bipartisan manner to address the challenges each side is so passionate about. Our National Airspace System, the workers that support it, and the traveling public depend on it.

#### **About SWAPA**

Located in Dallas, Texas, the Southwest Airlines Pilots Association (SWAPA) is a non-profit employee organization representing the more than 11,000 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 <a href="https://www.swapa.org">www.swapa.org</a>.