

To whom it may concern,

My name is Samuel Schwartz and I am a commercial aviation student at the University of North Dakota. I am writing to you to express my support for this new bill that could help my friends and family in the aviation world with mental health and support. John Hauser was a great friend and an honorable man who tragically took his life because of the fear he had of losing his career.

I won't go into detail with his story, but the support that this bill proposes could've helped John with his mental health struggle and this bill should be passed, so that there are no more students that take their life because of the fear of losing their careers.

The FAA and aviation industry is the safest in the world. The strict standards they hold us to are important and I support everything that they believe in and do, but as our country moves forward in this age mental health is a topic that is finally being addressed. With the new AME standards they want to implement, people would no longer have to fear losing their medicals and can address their health issues instead of trying to hide them, because simply denying the issues and not addressing it isn't safe and goes against the safety first culture the FAA believes in.

UND is a leader in the aviation industry and North Dakota as a whole can be a leader in the country by passing this bill and getting the ball moving to support a safer, stronger aviation industry.

Thank you for allowing me to voice my opinion, this bill will carry on my fallen brother's legacy, and will lead to a safer industry.

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