

## House Committee Exposes Critical Lapses in FAA Safety Oversight of Airlines

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"The witnesses at the hearing today showed great courage in providing their frank, and often times shocking testimony," said Michaud. "The FAA desperately needs to get their house in order and following this hearing today I suspect that they will.

According to the US Office of Special Counsel and documents provided to the Committee, the whistleblowers' disclosures alleged that FAA management employees engaged in conduct, "which constitutes a violation of Federal law, rule or regulation, gross mismanagement, an abuse of authority and a substantial and specific damage to public safety." The evidence also points toward a systematic pattern of FAA failure to exercise required regulatory oversight.

"The safety of the flying public should be priority number one and oversight of airline safety needs to be beyond reproach," said Congressman Michaud. "I will continue to work with my fellow committee members to improve airline safety and restore confidence in the FAA."