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Undersecretary Asa Hutchinson to Meet with Kansans to Discuss Transportation Security

SALINA - Congressman Jerry Moran today announced that Asa Hutchinson, the Homeland Security Department's Undersecretary for Border and Transportation Security, will visit Kansas later this month. The Undersecretary will meet with Kansas transportation officials in Salina to discuss security at America's small airports, flight school security and freight security.

"Since September 11th, the safety and security of our airlines, regardless of size, has been a national priority," Moran said. "My hope is that this visit by Undersecretary Hutchinson will provide him with a firsthand look at the struggles that our smaller airports face, as well as other transportation industries, in funding and facilitating federal security measures."

On the morning of Wednesday, August 27th, Moran and Undersecretary Hutchinson will host a roundtable discussion on small community air service security with Kansas aviation officials. Following the discussion, they will tour the campus of Kansas State University - Salina, to see the University's flight school, meet with students and discuss security concerns.

In the afternoon, Undersecretary Hutchinson will meet with aircraft manufacturing and trucking officials to discuss security issues in their industries.

"For Kansas, many of the new regulations and policies in place have been difficult to implement," Moran said. "From

railroads, to trucking, to aviation, many of Kansas's most important industries are making significant changes in the way they operate in order to accommodate this new era in security. I look forward to this opportunity to bring Kansans together with one of the leaders in homeland security."

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