

To: Bill Scroggins
From: Sarah Daum
Re: FAA Hiring Procedure Change: A Civics Lesson in Action
Date: 4/17/14

Congresswoman Grace Napolitano's visit was a fascinating opportunity to watch how the work of government gets done. She quickly oriented herself to the school and the issues by a brief visit to the simulation lab with former student James Decker (current ATC at LA Center) and then met with students who have been disenfranchised by the change of FAA hiring practices. She listened to each story, asked questions, and immediately started a series of phone calls to various House Transportation committee contacts, the FAA and the Secretary of Transportation. Her comments on the phone expressed a high level of concern particularly regarding the loss of veterans preference, 'aging out' of students already in the pipeline, use of a behavioral questionnaire before establishing skills and aptitude, and the lack of feedback to unsuccessful applicants. She asked that the students submit their stories, in the aggregate, to her and encouraged the CTI schools to join together in their advocacy.

Robert, Linda, David and the students did a wonderful job of being organized and focussed in expressing their concerns. We owe a debt of gratitude to James Decker for his work with her staff in organizing this meeting.

We are started. Thank you for your continuing support.