

Trump's New Transportation Secretary Voted Against FAA Funding in 2019

During his last term in Congress, Sean Duffy voted to defund the agency that provides air safety

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Sean Duffy, former congressman and President Donald Trump's Secretary of Transportation, is now investigating the tragic midair collision between American Eagle Flight 5342 and a U.S. Army Black Hawk helicopter near Washington, D.C. However,

Duffy's past legislative record reveals he previously voted against a 2019 [appropriations bill](#), H.R. 267, the *Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2019* that included funding for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy

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According to the bill's [summary](#), the legislation contained funding for FAA operations, facilities and equipment, research, engineering, and development, and grants-in-aid for airports.

Sean Duffy vote against FAA funding

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Adequate FAA funding is crucial for maintaining air traffic control systems, modernizing aging infrastructure, and ensuring the overall safety of air travel. Without proper funding of the FAA, people could die.

Duffy pledging to find if there was incompetence behind the crash

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The FAA has faced mounting challenges due to outdated technology and staffing shortages, issues that have been exacerbated by inconsistent funding. Reports have raised concerns about the agency's ability to manage increasingly congested airspace.

White House announcing of Duffy's Senate confirm

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With Duffy at the forefront of the investigation into one of the deadliest aviation disasters in recent years, one has to wonder why he voted to defund the FAA which keeps air travelers safe.

