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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Leadership lacking in wake of FAA ground stop

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To the editor: According to Sean Duffy and the president, the Federal Aviation Administration shutdown of air flights throughout the U.S. is all due to the lack of action by the Biden administration. But the bipartisan infrastructure bill passed by the Congress during Biden's tenure included $25 billion for upgrading airports and air traffic control facilities and was praised by the Professional Aviation Safety Specialists, AFL-CIO.

The same day that President Trump was sworn in he signed an "executive order … requiring agencies to stop paying money for … Biden-era laws (which) could bring a wide range of infrastructure, transportation and energy projects to a halt," according to Politico. That executive order called into question the disbursement of the $25 billion referenced above.

In addition, in 2019, Duffy voted "against giving the FAA an additional $10 billion while he was a House Republican," Yahoo! News reported.

The day before the air traffic shutdown, Duffy requested $30 billion from Congress. The day after the shutdown, Duffy requested $50 billion from Congress. But prior to either of these requests "Congress had already approved $12.5 billion for upgrades but the administration had spent only $1 billion," the Washington Post reported. And Duffy's position: "I am moving at an incredible speed that no one has done at the FAA or in decades." The president's position: "Everything they (the Biden administration) touched turned bad."

The current administration was in power for six of the last ten years. Yet, according to them, they did everything right and others screwed everything up.

After the results of the midterm elections, I would hope finger-pointing would stop, real work would be done, and objective analysis and statements would follow. Voters need honest and better leadership.

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