



## The Aerospace States Association

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#### **Ross B. Garelick Bell Named Executive Director of Aerospace States Association**

**ALEXANDRIA, VA, July 30, 2018** - Ross B. Garelick Bell transitions into the role of Executive Director of the Aerospace States Association (ASA). This transition comes after Charles H. Huettner, outgoing ASA Executive Director, officially retired on July, 27<sup>th</sup> following 13 years of service with the organization. The ASA is a nonpartisan organization of state elected officials working to advance aerospace and aviation in member states and throughout the nation.

Wisconsin Lt. Governor Rebecca Kleefisch, Chair of ASA, said “Throughout his career, Charlie Huettner has been a key architect in creating an impactful partnership of education, industry, and government. The nation’s Lt. Governors are grateful for his years of service and we look forward to working with Ross Garelick Bell to build on Charlie’s legacy of American leadership in aerospace and aviation.”

Mr. Garelick Bell has over 25 years of policy experience at the federal, state, local, and tribal levels of government policy development.

As Deputy Executive Director, Ross quadrupled the organization’s membership while creating and expanding the organization’s new chapter structure to include over 15 states in three years. Through this growth, ASA has become the resource for state aerospace policy input by the aerospace community at large.

“I am excited at the opportunities we face under the leadership of incoming Executive Director Ross Garelick Bell. Over the past 4 years, he has shared my dream of creating state chapters of ASA and put his full support behind that dream, advancing ASA as no one else has. Our chapters are the most valuable way ASA can make a difference and accomplish our goals within the states. Our industry partners have recognized this value and have supported ASA as never before. Ross has moved ASA to a higher level and I can think of no finer, more experienced person to take on the Executive Director role” said Huettner.

Previously, Mr. Garelick Bell advocated for federal and state legislative policy on Space, Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV), National Security, and science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) at the American Institute of Aeronautics and

Astronautics (AIAA). In addition, Mr. Garelick Bell was the Founder, President, and Bureau Chief of The Capitol Pulse, Inc., and Natural Resources Policy Director for the Texas Office of State-Federal Relations, serving as the liaison for then Governor George W. Bush.

Mr. Garelick Bell is also a Partner at MRGB Consulting, LLC, which specializes in aerospace, defense, appropriations, cyber security energy, environment, Native American issues, and non-profit management.

Mr. Garelick Bell holds a Master of Public Administration degree from The George Washington University and a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science with a Minor in History from Arizona State University.

**About ASA:** The Aerospace States Association (ASA) is a 501c3 organization of state legislators, state Lieutenant Governors, territorial and tribal government representatives working to advance aviation and space flight in member states and throughout the nation. It is the only aerospace advocacy organization promoting state-based perspectives in federal aerospace policy development. Visit [www.aerostates.org](http://www.aerostates.org) for more information on the Aerospace States Association.

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