



November 27, 2017

The Honorable Rodney Frelinghuysen
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nita Lowey
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
United States House of Representatives
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The Honorable Mario Diaz-Balart
Chairman
Subcommittee on Transportation-HUD
Committee on Appropriations
United States House of Representatives
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The Honorable David Price
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Transportation-HUD
Committee on Appropriations
United States House of Representatives
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Dear Chairman Frelinghuysen, Chairman Diaz-Balart, Ranking Member Lowey, and Ranking Member Price:

On behalf of the organizations listed below, the *Beyond the Runway Coalition* would like to express its strong support for retaining provisions in the Senate Transportation-HUD Appropriations Bill that would dramatically improve aviation infrastructure across the country by modernizing the Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) user fee on originating flights and increasing funding for the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) in the final FY18 omnibus bill.

Efforts to improve airport infrastructure come at a critical time – with passenger enplanements at a record high and federal infrastructure investments stagnant. According to the most recent infrastructure needs survey conducted by Airports Council International – North America, airports of all sizes face \$100 billion in infrastructure improvements over the next five years. With half of those needs lacking an identified funding source, all airports would benefit from having the ability to generate more local revenue for runways, taxiways, terminals, gates, and other projects that would advance safety and security, increase capacity, and improve the overall passenger experience.

The industries, businesses, and infrastructure groups we represent rely heavily on aviation infrastructure to support economic growth. New infrastructure investments provide employment opportunities both for the planning and construction of projects and by establishing better transportation connections to customers here and abroad. Modernizing the PFC and bolstering AIP now would give airports – and the local communities and businesses they support – funding flexibility to better their facilities and offer more air service options to the traveling public.

We thank you for your attention to the infrastructure needs of our nation's airports, and we urge you to protect these crucial infrastructure provisions included in the Senate bill. The American economy cannot afford further delays and increased costs in making these much-needed infrastructure improvements at our airports.

Sincerely,

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Security Industry Association
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Texas Retailers Association
The Association of Union Constructors
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The Honorable Thad Cochran
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Patrick Leahy
Vice Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Susan Collins
Chairman
Subcommittee on Transportation-HUD
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Jack Reed
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Transportation-HUD
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Cochran, Chairman Collins, Vice Chairman Leahy, and Ranking Member Reed:

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