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The Honorable Pete Sessions
Chairman
Committee on Rules
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Jim McGovern
Ranking Member
Committee on Rules
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Sessions and Ranking Member McGovern:

On behalf of the organizations listed below, the *Beyond the Runway Coalition* would like to express its strong support for the inclusion of the Massie/DeFazio amendment to H.R. 4, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Reauthorization Act of 2018. This amendment, coupled with the Barletta/Graves amendment, would enable airports to meet their growing critical-infrastructure needs and show a real investment in America's infrastructure.

According to the most recent infrastructure-needs survey conducted by Airports Council International – North America, airports of all sizes require \$100 billion in infrastructure improvements over the next five years. With over half of those needs lacking an identified funding source, airports need real financing options for runways, taxiways, terminals, gates, and other projects that would advance safety and security, increase capacity, and improve the overall passenger experience.

With the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 under consideration, adoption of both these amendments would allow the Act to advance an investment plan that goes beyond the status quo and supports 21st century airport infrastructure. The industries, businesses, and infrastructure groups we represent rely heavily on aviation infrastructure to support economic growth. Modernizing the PFC and providing federal resources for airports would give airports – and the local communities and businesses they support – funding flexibility to improve their facilities and create new jobs throughout the country.

Action to address America's aging aviation infrastructure is long overdue. To advance infrastructure investment, this FAA Reauthorization should include opportunities for airports to be able to make new investments to meet their capacity demands of today and into the future.

We urge you to help us in our efforts to invest in America's infrastructure by joining us in our support for including both the Massie/DeFazio and Barletta/Graves amendments under the rule for the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018.

Sincerely,

Airport Consultants Council
American Concrete Pavement Association
American Council of Engineering Companies
American Road & Transportation Builders Association
American Society of Civil Engineers
Associated Equipment Distributors
Association of Equipment Manufacturers
Associated General Contractors
Aviation Strategies and Trade Solutions, Inc.
Building America's Future
C&S Companies
California Airports Council
Decision Services International, LLC
Florida Airports Council
International Association of Airport Duty Free Stores
Mead & Hunt, Inc.
National Asphalt Pavement Association
National Association of Manufacturers
National Electrical Contractors Association
National Precast Concrete Association
National Stone, Sand and Gravel Association
Portland Cement Association
Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute
San Diego Tourism Authority
Security Industry Association
Sheet Metal & Air Conditioning Contractors National Association