



November 19, 2025

The Honorable Sam Graves
Chair
Transportation & Infrastructure Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rick Larsen
Ranking Member
Transportation & Infrastructure Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Troy Nehls
Chair
Aviation Subcommittee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable André Carson
Ranking Member
Aviation Subcommittee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair Graves, Chair Nehls, Ranking Member Larsen, and Ranking Member Carson,

On behalf of Airports Council International–North America (ACI-NA), the trade association representing commercial service airports across the United States, I write to express our strong support for the *Aviation Funding Solvency Act*. This legislation represents a critical step toward ensuring the stability and resilience of our nation’s aviation system.

The longest federal shutdown in U.S. history created profound operational disruption and uncertainty for airports, airlines, federal employees, and the traveling public. Airports rely upon fully staffed and functioning federal agencies to maintain the safety, security, and efficiency of the national airspace system. When funding lapses occur, airports are negatively impacted by strained operations, delayed projects, and an erosion of public confidence in the reliability of the aviation system.

The *Aviation Funding Solvency Act* provides the essential continuity our industry needs in future government shutdowns. By ensuring key aviation functions continue during a lapse in appropriations—without drawing down the Airport and Airway Trust Fund—the bill offers a responsible, targeted solution that protects both the traveling public and the long-term health of the aviation system. This legislation

would safeguard critical operations, reduce potential disruptions, and support the workforce that keeps our skies safe.

ACI-NA and our member airports welcome this future-focused approach and appreciate the bipartisan commitment to maintaining the safety and security of our nation's airport system. We look forward to working closely with Congress and our federal partners to advance this important legislation and further strengthen the stability, safety, and efficiency of the U.S. aviation system.

Thank you for your continued leadership and your commitment to ensuring a strong future for America's airports and the passengers and communities they serve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kevin M. Burke". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kevin" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "Burke".

Kevin M. Burke
President and CEO
Airports Council International – North America