

August 7, 2026

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
Minority Leader
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable John Thune
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Minority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Speaker Johnson, Leader Jeffries, Leader Thune, and Leader Schumer:

As organizations and companies that support airport infrastructure, we urge Congress to extend aviation funding programs authorized under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA): the Airport Infrastructure Grants (AIG) program, the Airport Terminal Program (ATP), and the Air Traffic Facilities (ATF) program.

Airports, the traveling public, and air cargo all depend on strong connectivity with the surface transportation modes authorized under that same legislation. With current authorities set to expire on September 30, 2026, and legislative time running short, we ask for your leadership in extending all IIJA programs, especially the advance appropriations funded through Division J.

Over the past five years, the federal government has invested \$25 billion to improve the national airspace system: \$20 billion for airport infrastructure, including airfield upgrades, terminal development, and airport-owned control towers; and \$5 billion for FAA facility upgrades. These investments have expanded capacity, modernized aging infrastructure, and supported economic growth in communities nationwide.

Airports are central to the U.S. economy, supporting 12.8 million jobs, \$619 billion in annual payroll, and \$1.8 trillion in economic output. With enplanements projected to reach 1 billion this year—and to grow significantly in the decades ahead—the need for modern, resilient infrastructure will only intensify. ACI-NA estimates that U.S. airports require nearly \$175 billion in infrastructure investment through 2029.

FAA's Airport Improvement Program (AIP) remains a core funding source for airfield safety and capacity projects, but its \$4 billion annual funding level covers less than 12 percent of identified needs. Extending AIG and ATP is essential to ensuring airports of all sizes can continue advancing priority projects; both programs have proven to be flexible, efficient tools for airfield improvements, terminal modernization, and a better passenger experience.

We urge Congress to act now to extend these programs and preserve a strong federal partnership with the airport industry. We look forward to working with you on a long-term legislative solution that allows our aviation system to meet rising demand and continue driving the national economy.

Sincerely,

Airports Council International – North America
American Association of Airport Executives
Airport Consultants Council
American Council of Engineering Companies
American Society of Civil Engineers
Arkansas Airport Operators Association
Associated Equipment Distributors
Association of Equipment Manufacturers
Aviation Council of Pennsylvania
Aviation Indiana
Aviation Strategies and Trade Solutions, Inc.
CS&S Companies
International Association of Airport and Duty Free Stores
Mead & Hunt, Inc.
National Association of State Aviation Officials
Security Industry Association
Texas Commercial Airports Association
Wyoming Airports Coalition

cc: The Honorable Ted Cruz, Chairman, U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, &
Transportation
The Honorable Maria Cantwell, Ranking Member, U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science,
& Transportation
The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito, Chairman, U.S. Senate Committee on Environment & Public
Works
The Honorable Sheldon Whitehouse, Ranking Member, U.S. Senate Committee on Environment &
Public Works
The Honorable Susan Collins, Chair, U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations
The Honorable Patty Murray, Vice Chair, U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations
The Honorable Sam Graves, Chairman, U.S. House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure
The Honorable Rick Larsen, Ranking Member, U.S. House Committee on Transportation &
Infrastructure
The Honorable Tom Cole, Chairman, U.S. House Committee on Appropriations
The Honorable Rosa DeLauro, Ranking Member, U.S. House Committee on Appropriations