



May 19, 2026

The Honorable Sam Graves
Chair
House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee
1135 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rick Larsen
Ranking Member
House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee
2163 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Graves and Ranking Member Larsen:

On behalf of Airports Council International – North America (ACI-NA), the trade association representing commercial service airports in the United States and Canada, we appreciate the inclusion of several key airport priorities in the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee’s surface transportation reauthorization legislation, the BUILD America 250 Act.

Airports are more than terminals and runways. They are multimodal transportation hubs that connect passengers, cargo, employees, and commerce while driving regional economic growth. This legislation expands airports’ access to innovative financing tools and federal grant programs needed to deliver critical infrastructure projects that keep people and goods moving efficiently.

Restoring the TIFIA for Airports program is a significant victory for airports and the communities they serve. The BUILD America 250 Act would extend the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) for Airports program through 2031 and continue reserving up to 15 percent of total TIFIA funding for airport projects. Originally established under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, the program has become a key financing tool for airports undertaking critical infrastructure projects. We appreciate the Committee’s leadership and recognition of the essential role airports play in the nation’s transportation network, and we thank Representatives Hurd and Garamendi for their bipartisan leadership in advancing this provision.

The BUILD America 250 Act also would establish a new grant program to support transportation planning and infrastructure needs associated with major international sporting events, including the FIFA World Cup and Olympic Games. In addition, the legislation would make the surface transportation components of airport projects eligible under the new Surface Transportation Accelerator Grant (STAG) program.

Together, these provisions underscore the critical role airports play in the nation's transportation system and provide new tools to help airports modernize infrastructure, improve connectivity, and meet growing passenger and cargo demands.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin M. Burke". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "K".

KEVIN M. BURKE
President and CEO
Airports Council International – North America