



May 19, 2026

Dear Chairman Graves, Ranking Member Larsen, and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the Affordable Skies Coalition, a national nonprofit consumer advocacy organization focused on strengthening the role of traveler voices in the future of aviation, we appreciate the opportunity to express support for several priorities advanced within the BUILD America 250 Act. Although targeted at investments in surface transportation infrastructure, this bill represents needed investments and policy changes in an aging national infrastructure that impacts the overall experience for consumers across all travel modalities.

As our nation's transportation systems continue to evolve, travelers increasingly depend on safe, reliable, accessible, and efficient infrastructure. We appreciate the bill's emphasis on directly enhancing critical infrastructure while also adjusting policy to be enabling rather than a roadblock to modernization projects. These adjustments enhance the ground transportation segment that Affordable Skies members use to access air travel and demonstrates a concerted effort to enhance infrastructure across the board.

Affordable Skies particularly appreciates provisions that support:

- Transportation safety improvements
- Accessibility enhancements for individuals with disabilities
- Infrastructure resiliency and emergency preparedness
- Modernization of transportation systems and transportation technology infrastructure
- Efforts intended to improve efficiency and reduce unnecessary project delays

Travelers experience firsthand the impact of aging infrastructure, operational inefficiencies, congestion, and delays across the broader transportation system. Continued investment in modern, reliable infrastructure remains important to supporting mobility, economic activity, and the overall traveler experience.

As discussions surrounding this legislation continue, we encourage continued transparency, public engagement, and consideration of the traveler perspective throughout the process.

We appreciate the Committee's continued leadership on transportation infrastructure and look forward to ongoing engagement on issues impacting travelers nationwide.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer C Rykaczewski".

Jennifer C Rykaczewski, President  
Affordable Skies Coalition