



May 7, 2024

United States Senate
Washington, DC 20515

U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Support H.R. 3935 / The FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024

Dear Member of Congress:

The Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors' National Association (SMACNA) is supported by more than 3,500 construction firms engaged in industrial, commercial, residential, architectural and specialty sheet metal and air conditioning construction in both the public and private sectors throughout the United States. **On behalf of our membership, I express our strongest support for expedited passage of H.R. 3935, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024, a bill reforming the nation's airport transportation infrastructure.**

The nation is seeing a sustained and robust growth of construction activity following the enactment of major policy changes, especially the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and the IRA private sector tax incentives for expanded economic activity in countless airports and boosted the development of countless new projects for airport and grid energy efficiency with more airport mega projects bidding now. **Therefore, our contractors, working on almost every significant airport expansion, upgrade or new construction project across the nation, endorses the compromise FAA reauthorization represented by H.R. 3935.**

SMACNA has shared with Congress and federal policy leaders for decades the needs for the following provisions contained in H.R. 3935:

- **Permitting reform to expedite airport environmental reviews to accelerate terminal construction projects.**
- **Retrofitting and increasing energy efficiency of all the nation's airports (section 742).**
- **Allowing present and future airport power demands for airside and landside operations to be included airport energy assessments.**
- **Allowing the Secretary of Transportation to make grants to airport sponsors to acquire or construct equipment that will improve energy efficiency at the airport complex.**
- **Provide a GAO study of onsite airport energy generation solutions for operational efficiency.**

At a time when our firms are working on and bidding the largest airport projects in the nation, **SMACNA urges your support for H.R. 3935.**

Sincerely,

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