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MODERNIZING AMERICA'S AIRPORT INFRASTRUCTURE:

Investing to Meet Today's Needs and Tomorrow's Demands

Airports are essential to the aviation system and the 11.3 million jobs and \$1.5 trillion in economic activity the system generates. They accommodate the movement of millions of passengers and billions of dollars' worth of cargo across our Nation and around the world every day. They connect our communities, create jobs, and drive economic growth.

With increasing passenger and cargo levels each year, our Nation's airports face significant capital needs.

The FAA Reauthorization Act provides stable funding for the FAA's Airport Improvement Program (AIP), which funds construction of critical infrastructure at airports of all sizes. Continuing the AIP program is essential to the long-term sustainability of airports across the country and the entire National Airspace System.

The FAA Reauthorization Act:

- Provides stable funding for the Airport Improvement Program (AIP), which issues grants to public use airports for planning and development purposes and is an essential part of maintaining long-term sustainability of airports of all sizes.
- Removes unnecessary restrictions on the Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) allowing airports to more effectively finance projects that improve airport infrastructure and benefit the traveling public.
- Streamlines the PFC application process, which increases airport flexibility in financing projects and reduces both airport and administrative costs.
- Restores funding for three years to unclassified airports without a classified status in the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS).
- General Aviation (GA) airports are a vital part of aviation. Under this bill, 250 of the smallest GA airports will continue to receive grant funding for an additional three years.
- Reforms and continues the critically important Federal Contract Tower Program to enable new towers to enter the program, and updates the FAA's out of date cost benefit analysis for current contract towers.
- Creates a remote air traffic control tower pilot program, deploying new advanced technologies in a way that will lower the cost of air traffic control services.
- Provides the FAA authority to release airports from additional land restrictions without Congressional approval.

