

The U.S. Travel Association is the national non-profit organization representing all aspects of the \$1.3T U.S. travel industry with the mission to grow travel to and within the United States. U.S. Travel strongly supports the Air Traffic Control modernization proposal the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure put forth to fund critical investments in air traffic control technology, infrastructure, and workforce.

U.S. travelers expect and deserve a first-class travel experience rooted in safety and security. With the right focus and investment, Congress can fix the U.S. aviation system which has been challenged by years of federal underinvestment. We appreciate the Chairman and his Committee's draft proposal to put a \$15 billion down payment towards addressing that lack of funding.

The future growth and competitiveness of America's travel industry depends on making the National Airspace System (NAS) more modern, efficient, and secure and this proposal is a good first step.

U.S. Travel Association looks forward to continuing to work with Chairman Graves, members of the committee, and the Trump Administration to modernize the Air Traffic Control system which will benefit travelers and bring innovation to the U.S. aviation system well into the future. We urge Congress to include this much needed ATC funding in the final Budget Reconciliation measure.