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May 2, 2024

The Honorable Rick Larsen Ranking Member Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Graves and Ranking Member Larsen:

On behalf of our members across the country, I write to express the Airport Consultants Council's (ACC) strong support for H.R. 3935, The FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024, and we urge Congress to pass this important legislation before the May 10 deadline of the current stop-gap authorization. ACC is a global trade association and the voice for over 230 member companies that support the development and operation of airports and their related facilities.

We appreciate your work in crafting bipartisan legislation that increases funding for our nation's aviation system while improving safety and supporting airport operations. ACC supports H.R. 3935 as it increases funding for airports, provides predictability and flexibility in the federal airport grant program, streamlines decisions relating to airports' non-aeronautical land use, and helps strengthen the pipeline for the aviation workforce.

The FAA has been operating under short-term authorizations since October 1 of last year. While the impacts have been limited so far, our members and our airport partners have witnessed the impacts of continued short-term extensions in the past. This can lead to uncertainty and delayed projects. Passage of a long-term reauthorization prior to the current May 10 deadline is critical to ensure that FAA can award FY 2024 Airport Improvement Program (AIP) grants with as little disruption as possible.

On behalf of ACC, thank you again for your continued efforts to pass a long-term reauthorization this spring. We look forward to working with you in support of that goal and to continue improving our nation's aviation system.

Sincerely,

T.J. Schulz President