



May 10, 2024

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Johnson and Leaders Schumer, McConnell, and Jeffries:

The bipartisan aviation program authorization legislation, H.R. 3935, *the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Reauthorization Act of 2024*, would provide much-needed investment to make capital improvements at airports across the nation. The American Road & Transportation Builders Association (ARTBA) urges support for the bill in both chambers.

The bill's proposed increase for the Airport Improvement Program (AIP), which provides capital investment for many airport improvements like runways and taxiways, would see its first increase in nearly 20 years. The additional \$650 million per year would help ensure airport facilities can handle existing and expected traveler growth.

Further, H.R. 3935's programmatic policy changes warrant your support. For example, the bill's project delivery provisions would allow for 21st century design tools, like digital construction, to be eligible AIP activities. ARTBA also backs legislative provisions to manage price volatility on capital projects and to authorize public-private partnerships as an option for facilitating improvements at general aviation and certain privately-owned airports.

Taken together, this bill would help ensure air travel remains a safe and reliable mode of transportation. We look forward to working with you to see the legislation signed into law in advance of the May 10 deadline.

Sincerely,

David C. Bauer
President & CEO