



May 6, 2024

The Honorable Maria Cantwell
U.S. Senate
511 Hart Senate Office Building
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Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Sam Graves
U.S. House of Representatives
1135 Longworth House Office
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Ted Cruz
U.S. Senate
167 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Rick Larsen
U.S. House of Representatives
2163 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair Cantwell, Ranking Member Cruz, Chair Graves, and Ranking Member Larsen,

As a leading global airline catering and provisioning services provider for both in-flight and airport lounges across 200 airports, Gate Gourmet strongly supports the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024 (H.R. 3935). This legislation maintains support for airport infrastructure and third-party service providers in the airport ecosystem.

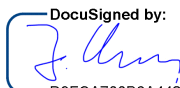
This negotiated reauthorization bill includes several provisions that will continue to improve airport services to passengers and concessionary service providers' functions:

- Increasing airports' energy efficiency to meet current and future energy power demands. This includes encouraging airports to assess the energy needs for gate electrification, ground support equipment vehicles, and nearby facilities owned or controlled by the airport supporting its functions, and providing grant funding to address these needs.
- Establishing a Passenger Experience Advisory Committee, which includes representation from airport concessionaries and other airport stakeholders, to improve the comprehensive passenger experience at airports and efficiency in the national airspace system affecting passengers.
- Conducting a comprehensive review of the domestic airport service workforce, including its important role and positive impact on the aviation economy.



We applaud your bicameral, bipartisan agreement on this legislation and encourage Congress to swiftly consider and approve the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024.

Sincerely,

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