



**SAN DIEGO**  
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT  
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May 07, 2024

The Honorable Maria Cantwell  
Chair  
Committee on Commerce,  
Science, and Transportation  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Ted Cruz  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Commerce,  
Science, and Transportation  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Sam Graves  
Chairman  
Committee on Transportation  
and Infrastructure  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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

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

Thank you for your leadership in the process to reauthorize the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). The San Diego County Regional Airport Authority (SDCRAA) is grateful for the negotiated agreement on the legislation and the inclusion of additional slot opportunities at Washington, DC's Ronald Reagan National Airport (DCA). I write to express SDCRAA's strong support for the legislation and respectfully request that as final legislation is processed, you maintain opportunities for San Diego to obtain non-stop service to DCA.

The negotiated agreement contains many provisions that will significantly advance the state of aviation in the country and authorizes much needed funding for airports, enabling airports like San Diego International Airport to continue to offer exceptional service to the flying public. Above all, the legislation confirms that safety is the paramount priority of aviation and that any policy enacted to make air travel more efficient will be carried out in a thoroughly safe manner by the FAA.

Adding a limited number of flights, given the growth and demand in air travel, will not significantly add to delays and will improve travel between San Diego and

Washington, DC, especially for military servicemembers and travelers who do not currently have a non-stop route between the cities. The FAA will and must continue to ensure that safety is not compromised or impacted by any limited additional operations. SDCRAA believes that unlocking the potential for greater connectivity across the nation will improve quality of life for servicemembers and provide economic benefits for both regions.

Again, I thank you for your efforts to bring American aviation into the future and respectfully request that you continue to provide additional opportunities for communities to access non-stop service to DCA in the final FAA reauthorization legislation.

Sincerely,



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President/CEO  
San Diego County Regional Airport Authority