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The Honorable Bill Shuster
Chairman,
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
2165 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Peter A. DeFazio
Ranking Member,
Transportation and Infrastructure
Committee
2164 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Shuster and Ranking Member DeFazio:

The Global Business Travel Association (GBTA) writes in support H.R. 4, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018.

Business travel is an economic driver. Businesses send employees on 40 million business trips within the United States and around the world – most of which involve air travel. In fact, according to the most recent GBTA research, U.S. companies spent over \$47.4 billion on air travel in 2016, comprising 18 percent of total travel spending.

H.R. 4, provides needed long-term planning and execution with a five-year bill to reauthorize the programs of the Federal Aviation Administration. This continued investment in the nation's air traffic system, U.S. airports, and consumer protections are necessary to the long-term health of business travel and the economy.

GBTA commends you for this bi-partisan effort and looks forward to its passage.

Sincerely,

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