

July 19, 2023



We're Building A
Better America!

American Road & Transportation Builders Association (co-chair) ■
Associated General Contractors of America (co-chair) ■
American Coal Ash Association ■ American Concrete Pavement Association ■ American Concrete Pipe Association ■ American Council of Engineering Companies ■ American Subcontractors Association ■ American Iron and Steel Institute ■ American Society of Civil Engineers ■ American Traffic Safety Services Association ■ Asphalt Emulsion Manufacturers Association ■ Asphalt Recycling & Reclaiming Association ■ Associated Equipment Distributors ■ Association of Equipment Manufacturers ■ Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute ■ International Slurry Surfacing Association ■ International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental and Reinforcing Iron Workers ■ International Union of Operating Engineers ■ Institute of Makers of Explosives ■ Laborers-Employers Cooperation and Education Trust ■ Laborers' International Union of North America ■ National Asphalt Pavement Association ■ National Association of Surety Bond Producers ■ National Electrical Contractors Association ■ National Precast Concrete Association ■ National Ready Mixed Concrete Association ■ National Steel Bridge Alliance ■ National Stone, Sand and Gravel Association ■ National Utility Contractors Association ■ Portland Cement Association ■ Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute ■ Surety and Fidelity Association of America ■ The Road Information Program ■ United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America

Dear Representatives:

The 34 national associations and trade unions of the Transportation Construction Coalition (TCC) applaud the bipartisan efforts of the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee to reauthorize federal aviation programs and urge all members of the House of Representatives to support passage of H.R. 3935, the *Securing Growth and Robust Leadership in American Aviation Act*.

H.R. 3935 would support increased airport capital improvements by raising Airport Improvement Program (AIP) investment levels for the first time in nearly 20 years. The increase of \$650 million per year will enhance airport facilities across the nation.

We greatly appreciate the \$25 billion in airport upgrades over five years included in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). These resources are helping facilitate improvements for airport terminals and runways across the country. While valuable, more investment is needed to handle the expected increase in passenger levels from 800 million in 2023 to 1.4 billion by 2043. The Airports Council International-North America estimates airports will need \$151 billion from 2023 to 2027.

The TCC urges all House members to reject *Perry Amendment #333* (listed as #74 by the cloakroom) that would cut AIP investment levels. Cutting the investment levels in the legislation would disproportionately impact small and medium-sized airports, which have fewer opportunities to raise revenue. These airports rely heavily on AIP to fund important taxiway and runway projects.

The TCC urges all members to support increased airport investments by voting *yea* on H.R. 3935 and rejecting all efforts to cut the proposed authorized funding levels.

Sincerely,

The Transportation Construction Coalition

For More Information:
202/289-4434 (ARTBA)
703/548-3118 (AGC)