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The Honorable Ted Cruz
Chairman, Senate Committee on Commerce,
Science, and Transportation
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Maria Cantwell
Ranking Member, Senate Committee on
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Dear Chairman Cruz, Ranking Member Cantwell, and Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:

On behalf of the American Cement Association (ACA), National Asphalt Pavement Association (NAPA), National Ready Mixed Concrete Association (NRMCA), and the National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association (NSSGA), and our member companies that supply critical construction materials for airport infrastructure, we write to express our strong support for the nomination of Bryan Bedford as Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). As the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation prepares to vote on his confirmation, we urge you to advance Mr. Bedford's nomination to the full Senate for swift confirmation.

Our organizations, representing critical sectors of the construction materials industry, believe Mr. Bedford's leadership and expertise make him exceptionally qualified to lead the FAA, particularly in implementing Airport Improvement Program (AIP) funds and advancing critical airport infrastructure projects.

Airport infrastructure projects rely heavily on high-quality construction materials such as aggregates, asphalt, cement and concrete, which our industries proudly supply. These materials are essential for building durable, sustainable and safe airport facilities that meet the rigorous demands of modern aviation. The AIP is a cornerstone of our nation's efforts to modernize and maintain secure, efficient and resilient airport infrastructure. As the demand for air travel continues to grow, so does the need for robust investments in runways, taxiways, terminals and other critical infrastructure. Our industry has long advocated for increased funding and streamlined processes to support these projects, as evidenced by our support for legislation such as the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024 Act (P.L. 118-63), which raised AIP investment to \$4 billion annually. It's the first increase in AIP authorization level in nearly two decades. Mr. Bedford's proven track record in aviation leadership, combined with his strategic vision, positions him to effectively oversee the implementation of these vital funds to enhance airport safety and capacity.

Additionally, the FAA Reauthorization Act reauthorized the Airfield Pavement Technology Program, which is focused on research and project deployments to improve both asphalt and concrete airfield pavement.

The Airfield Pavement Technology Program enables applied research on asphalt and concrete airfield pavements and implements and deploys completed research. Our industries look forward to working with the FAA to continue to deploy technologies to improve airfield pavements across the country.

We urge the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee to swiftly confirm Bryan Bedford as FAA Administrator. His appointment will ensure continued progress in modernizing our nation's airports, enhancing passenger safety and supporting the economic vitality of the communities our industries serve. We stand ready to partner with the FAA under his leadership to deliver world-class airport infrastructure that meets the needs of the American public.

Sincerely,

American Cement Association

National Asphalt Pavement Association

National Ready Mixed Concrete Association

National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association