

The Honorable Mitch McConnell Majority Leader United States Senate S-230, The Capitol Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Chuck Schumer Democratic Leader United States Senate S-221, The Capitol Washington, DC 20510 The Honorable Nancy Pelosi Speaker U.S. House of Representatives H-222, The Capitol Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy Speaker Republican Leader U.S. House of Representatives H-204, The Capitol Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi, Majority Leader McConnell, Leader McCarthy, and Leader Schumer:

On behalf of the assembled members of the *Beyond the Runway Coalition* and other associates, we are writing in strong support of the airport industry's request for immediate federal assistance in response to the COVID-19 national emergency.

The rapid spread of COVID-19 is leading individuals, businesses, and governments alike to cut budgets, reduce expenses, and defer capital projects. The airports have been acutely impacted by this economic shutdown, as operational costs increase and important infrastructure projects are put on hold while full attention turns to COVID-19 response. These public institutions — long seen as economic drivers in their communities — are doing their part to remain critical lifelines in responding to this crisis.

To assist in this time of national emergency, we recommend an immediate infusion of capital into the airports to address their most pressing needs, such as airport operations, airport infrastructure maintenance, cleaning activities, and bond payments. And once this emergency passes, we look forward to working with you to ensure a full and strong economic recovery at America's airports.

Thank you for your consideration.

## Sincerely,

## Beyond the Runway Coalition

Airports Council International - North America

American Association of Airport Executives

American Concrete Pavement Association

Association of Equipment Manufacturers

Airport Experience News

Association for the Improvement of American Infrastructure

American Society of Civil Engineers

Aviation Strategies and Trade Solutions, Inc. California Airports Council

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