



July 27, 2011

The Honorable John D. Rockefeller, IV  
Chairman  
Senate Committee on Commerce, Science,  
and Transportation  
254 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable John L. Mica  
Chairman  
House Committee on Transportation and  
Infrastructure  
2165 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Bailey Hutchison  
Ranking Member  
Senate Committee on Commerce, Science,  
and Transportation  
560 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Nick J. Rahall, II  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Transportation and  
Infrastructure  
2165 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Rockefeller, Chairman Mica, Ranking Member Hutchison and Ranking Member Rahall:

On behalf of the county and city elected officials represented by the National Association of Counties (NACo) and the National League of Cities (NLC), we strongly urge you to pass a clean extension of the FAA reauthorization legislation.

At a time when Congress is debating budget reductions, it is in no ones' interest to permit the Airport and Airway Trust Fund to lose \$25-\$30 million daily or to halt hundreds of capital projects at the airports our members own and operate. We understand that many of the issues in the House and Senate reauthorization legislation have been resolved with only four or five major issues that still need to be addressed. A clean extension that does not include any of these unresolved issues needs to be passed by both the House and Senate in order to stop the hemorrhaging of Airport and Airway Trust Fund tax receipts and restart airports projects that will put back to work thousands of American citizens. Conferees should immediately meet to work out a final agreement after a clean extension is adopted.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Bob Fogel at NACo at (202) 942-4217 or Leslie Wollack at NLC at (202) 626-3029.

Sincerely,

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Larry E. Naake  
Executive Director  
National Association of Counties

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donald Borut". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Donald Borut  
Executive Director  
National League of Cities

CC: Members of Congress