



July 27, 2011

The Honorable Jerry F. Costello
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Aviation
House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
2251 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington DC, 20515

Dear Ranking Member Costello:

The California Airports Council (CAC), the state association of California's 30 commercial airports, urges the Congress to pass a clean extension of the FAA Reauthorization bill, including the most important issues to California airports: the Airport Improvement Program, as well as the Research and Development, Facilities and Equipment Programs, to the end of this fiscal year.

We have collectively been advised by the FAA that California airports stand to lose \$131.5 million of authorized and appropriated entitlement funding. This funding provides for critical safety and infrastructure projects at California's 30 commercial airports.

You should be aware that California airports generate billions of dollars of economic impact activity. Many of our airports are experiencing significant growth and are generating significant economic benefit for our communities.

Bringing this economic growth to a halt is the wrong action for Congress to take at this critical time. We urge you to instruct the Committees to bring a clean bill to the floor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Alan L. Murphy', is written over a light blue circular stamp.

Alan L. Murphy
President

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