



March 1, 2017

Dear Representatives DeFazio and Massie:

On behalf of Airports Council International-North America, which represents local, regional, and state governing bodies that own and operate commercial airports throughout the United States, I am writing in strong support of the Investing in America: Rebuilding America's Airport Infrastructure Act.

This important bill would benefit commercial-service airports across the United States by giving local airports the ability to control their own Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) user fees based on their unique infrastructure and passenger needs.

Airports of all sizes need approximately \$20 billion annually in infrastructure improvements to renovate aging runways and terminals, relieve congestion and delays, improve safety and security, and spur new airlines competition – far more than the approximately \$6 billion that airports receive each year from both local PFCs and federal grants.

At a time when there is mounting pressure to reduce federal spending, eliminating the federal government's PFC cap is the most free-market option for providing airports with the locally controlled self-help they need to finance vital infrastructure projects.

Thank you for your efforts to improve the aviation infrastructure and passenger experience at America's airports. I look forward to working with you on these important issues.

Sincerely,

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