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To Whom It May Concern:

As President of the New York Aviation Management Association (NYAMA), I wish to express strong support for retaining provisions in the Senate Transportation-HUD Appropriations Bill that would dramatically improve aviation infrastructure across the country by modernizing the Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) user fee on originating flights and increasing funding for the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) in the final FY18 omnibus bill.

NYAMA represents over 13,000 members and affiliate members, 120 commercial service and general aviation airports, fixed based operators, consultants, engineers and other aviation industries and professionals. We join a number of airport and industry organizations throughout the country that are supporting a provision in the Senate FY 2018 appropriations bill that would increase the cap on PFCs to \$8.50, and increase AIP by \$250 million.

New and improved aviation infrastructure will support economic growth. Infrastructure investments provide employment opportunities both for the planning and construction of projects and by establishing better transportation connections to customers here and abroad. Modernizing the PFC and bolstering AIP now would give airports – and the local communities and businesses they support – funding flexibility to better their facilities and offer more air service options to the traveling public.

NYAMA thanks you for your attention to the infrastructure needs of our nation's airports, and we urge you to protect these crucial infrastructure provisions included in the Senate bill. The American economy cannot afford further delays and increased costs in making these much-needed infrastructure improvements at our airports.

Sincerely,



Lee Weitz, NYAMA President