



March 24, 2021

The Honorable Peter A. DeFazio
Chair
Committee on Transportation
and Infrastructure
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Sam Graves
Ranking Member
Committee on Transportation
and Infrastructure
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

On behalf of the National Association of State Aviation Officials (NASAO), we write in support of H.R. 468, the Expedited Delivery of Airport Infrastructure Act of 2021.

NASAO is the nationally recognized voice for the public interest in aviation on behalf of the states and territories. We represent state aviation agencies in all 50 states, Guam, and Puerto Rico. Our mission is to encourage and foster cooperation throughout the public sector in the development and promotion of aviation systems that can safely and effectively serve the needs of citizens, commerce and communities throughout the United States.

Airport Improvement Program (AIP) funds are a critical source of funding for airport safety, capacity, and security projects. This bill would give airports the needed flexibility other modes of transportation currently have to reduce the time projects are completed, thereby minimizing the disruptions to airport operations and enabling airports to focus on other critical projects. Additionally, it would help airports to efficiently use funds in the CARES Act, 2021 Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, and the American Rescue Plan.

We urge members of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure to support this legislation.

Respectfully,

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Gregory Pecoraro
President and CEO