



March 26, 2019

The Honorable Sam Graves
Ranking Member
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ranking Member Graves:

We write to express our strong support for your amendment to H.R. 1108, the Aviation Stability Act of 2019, which would increase annual Airport Improvement Program (AIP) contract authority. This amendment will provide much-needed support for investment in capital improvement projects that will enhance the safety and efficiency of our nation's airport system.

Through a network of over 5000 public-use airports nationwide, general aviation is an integral part of the transportation system. Transporting people and equipment, providing support during natural disasters, operating air medical flights for organ transplants and patients, and offering a place for flight training are just a few examples of how general aviation supports communities across the United States. These airports serve as an important economic engine, allowing America's rural communities, towns and cities to utilize aviation to grow and prosper. The general aviation community has a great stake in their continued viability and accessibility.

For these reasons, we strongly support the Graves Amendment.

Sincerely,

Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association
Alliance for Aviation Across America
Experimental Aircraft Association
Helicopter Association International
National Air Transportation Association
National Association of State Aviation Officials
National Business Aviation Association