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The Chicago Federation of Labor represents 300 unions who in turn represent 500,000 working men and women throughout Chicago and Cook County. A segment of our unions represent hardworking men and women who build our nation's airports and their runways, prepare meals for travelers, load and unload air cargo, keep terminals clean, and keep the flying public safe. Airports are economic engines in our communities.

We join airports across the country in calling on Congress to reduce the federal limitation on the Passenger Facility Charge. The PFC is a successful local program that airports need expanded to help keep infrastructure up to the demands of modern travel and to help get travelers' flights out on time. However, the federal government has not allowed a PFC increase in 15 years.

As a region served by Chicago O'Hare International Airport and Chicago Midway International Airport, we believe airports should be able to set the PFC according to their local needs. New terminal facilities, new runways and other airport improvements supported by the PFC help U.S. airports compete as drivers in the global economy, creating a better experience for passengers and good jobs for even more hardworking Americans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jorge Ramirez".

**Jorge Ramirez**  
President, Chicago Federation of Labor