

July 13, 2015

The Honorable Bill Shuster
Chairman, Committee on
Transportation and Infrastructure
United States House of Representatives
2268 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Peter DeFazio
Ranking Member, Committee on
Transportation and Infrastructure
United States House of Representatives
2134 Rayburn House Office Building
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The Honorable Frank LoBiondo
Chairman, Subcommittee of Aviation
United States House of Representatives
2427 Rayburn House Office Building
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The Honorable Rick Larsen
Ranking Member, Subcommittee
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United States House of Representatives
2113 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Chairmen Shuster and LoBiondo, and Ranking Members DeFazio and Larsen:


Our Unions represent hardworking men and women who build our nation's airports and their runways, who prepare meals for travelers, who load and unload air cargo, who keep terminals clean and who keep the flying public safe. Airports are economic engines in our communities.

We join airports in calling on Congress to reduce the federal limitation on the Passenger Facility Charge (PFC). 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. The Federal Government has not allowed a PFC increase in 15 years.

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,


Ron Bieber, President
Michigan State AFL-CIO

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