



The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
S-230, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker  
U.S. House of Representatives  
H-222, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Chuck Schumer  
Democratic Leader  
United States Senate  
S-221, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
Speaker Republican Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
H-204, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi, Majority Leader McConnell, Leader McCarthy, and Leader Schumer:

On behalf of the assembled members of the *Beyond the Runway Coalition*, we are writing in strong support of the airport industry's request for immediate federal assistance in response to the COVID-19 national emergency.

The rapid spread of COVID-19 is leading individuals, businesses, and governments alike to cut budgets, reduce expenses, and defer capital projects. The airports have been acutely impacted by this economic shutdown, as operational costs increase and important infrastructure projects are put on hold while full attention turns to COVID-19 response. These public institutions – long seen as economic drivers in their communities – are doing their part to remain critical lifelines in responding to this crisis.

To assist in this time of national emergency, we recommend an immediate infusion of capital into the airports to address their most pressing needs, such as airport operations, cleaning activities, and bond payments. And once this emergency passes, we look forward to working with you to ensure a full and strong economic recovery at America's airports.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Beyond the Runway Coalition

Airports Council International – North America

California Airports Council

National Electrical Contractors Association

Skanska USA

Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors National Association (SMACNA)