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The Honorable Pete Sessions  
Chairman  
Committee on Rules  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Jim McGovern  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Rules  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Sessions and Ranking Member McGovern:

On behalf of the Highway Materials Group, we would like to express our strong support for the inclusion of both the Massie/DeFazio and Barletta/Graves amendments to H.R. 4, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. The HMG is comprised of 10 national trade associations whose members provide the materials and equipment necessary to build our nation's roadways. If enacted, these amendments would enable airports to meet their growing critical-infrastructure needs and show a positive step towards more investment in America's infrastructure.

According to the most recent "infrastructure-needs survey" conducted by Airports Council International – North America, airports of all sizes face \$100 billion in infrastructure improvements over the next five years. With over half of those needs lacking an identified funding source, airports need real financing options for runways, taxiways, terminals, gates, and other projects that would advance safety and security, increase capacity, and improve the overall passenger experience.

With the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 being touted as a first step in a bigger infrastructure-investment plan, adoption of these two amendments would help the Act to meet this laudable goal. The industries we represent rely heavily on aviation infrastructure to support economic growth. Modernizing the PFC and bolstering AIP now would give airports – and the local communities and businesses they support – funding flexibility to improve their facilities and create new jobs throughout the country.

Action to address America's aging aviation infrastructure is long overdue. For this FAA Reauthorization Act to truly be a first step in infrastructure investment it must include opportunities for airports to be able to make new investments to meet their capacity demands of today and into the future.

We urge you to help us in our efforts to invest in America's infrastructure by joining us in our strong support for including the Massie/DeFazio and Barletta/Graves amendments under the rule for the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018.

Sincerely,

American Coal Ash Association  
American Concrete Pavement Association  
American Traffic Safety Services Association  
Associated Equipment Distributors  
Association of Equipment Manufacturers  
Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute  
National Asphalt Pavement Association  
National Ready Mixed Concrete Association  
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association  
Portland Cement Association  
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