



May 6, 2024

Ranking Member Rick Larsen
2163 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Larsen,

On behalf of the Center for Transportation and the Environment (CTE), I am writing to express our strong support for the immediate passage of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024. This crucial legislation represents a significant step forward in advancing sustainable transportation practices at airports, and ensures that airports are planning for the transition to zero-emission technologies in every aspect of operations.

CTE and its members are encouraged by the legislation's focus on promoting zero-emission vehicle (ZEV) technology at airports. By prioritizing airports that develop comprehensive long-term management plans for eligible vehicles and equipment, the legislation sets the stage for meaningful progress in reducing emissions and improving air quality in and around airport facilities. Working with our national membership, we are eager to collaborate with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to leverage this program to fund transition plans for eligible vehicles and equipment, thereby accelerating the adoption of ZEV technology across the aviation industry.

Additionally, we applaud the provisions within the bill that allow airports to incorporate present and future power demands into their energy assessments. By enabling airports to use Airport Improvement Program (AIP) funding for airside energy projects, the legislation empowers airports to proactively address their energy needs while advancing sustainability goals. Airports have the potential to serve as a leading market for zero-emission technology adoption, offering a unique test case for carbon-neutral operations. While we recognize that transitioning airport operations and infrastructure to zero-emission standards is a complex endeavor that requires careful planning and collaboration, we believe that this bill represents a significant step in the right direction.

As an organization dedicated to advancing sustainable transportation solutions, we have greatly appreciated your past support for initiatives aimed at reducing emissions and promoting innovation within the aviation industry.

Thank you for your continued leadership and strong support for this important legislation. We look forward to working with you to ensure its passage and successful implementation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dan Raudebaugh', is written over a light blue circular stamp.

Dan Raudebaugh
Executive Director
Center for Transportation and the Environment (CTE)