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The Honorable Charles Schumer
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Johnson and Leaders Schumer, McConnell, and Jeffries:

The Portland Cement Association (PCA), the National Asphalt Pavement Association (NAPA), and the American Concrete Pavement Association (ACPA) support passage of the bipartisan Federal Aviation Administration Reauthorization Act of 2024 (H.R. 3935) to reauthorize the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years. We appreciate the increased investment in airport infrastructure and the reauthorization of the Airfield Pavement Technology Program included in the legislation.

Cement is the primary ingredient in concrete. Both concrete and asphalt are essential to airport infrastructure ranging from airfield pavements, airport buildings, parking lots and garages, and the roadways to and from an airport. For these reasons, we applaud the increased investment in the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) to \$4 billion annually. The increased annual AIP authorization and the expansion of eligible projects included in the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024 will allow airports to meet pressing airside, landside, and terminal needs at their facilities. Additionally, as important steps are being taken to improve the resilience of infrastructure, we support the authorization of \$200 million annually to fund airport resilience and runway safety projects.

We applaud the reauthorization of the Airfield Pavement Technology Program, which is critical to advancing successful and collaborative airfield pavement research and technology for both concrete and asphalt pavements. Reauthorization of this program will build on previous work to advance applied research to aid the development of safer, more cost effective, and more durable concrete and asphalt airfield pavements. This program will continue critically important research and technology deployment programs that have been initiated for both concrete and asphalt pavements, including projects to extend the longevity of materials, optimize materials for durability and sustainability, rapid airfield repair, and enhance quality control.

We support swift passage of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024 to advance important airport infrastructure projects as well as research and deployment to improve our airfield pavements. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Sean O'Neill (sonNeill@cement.org), with PCA, Nile Elam (nelam@asphaltpavement.org) with NAPA, or Chad Bradley (chadbradley@comcast.net) with ACPA.

Sincerely,

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