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Washington, DC 20515

November 20, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
United State House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
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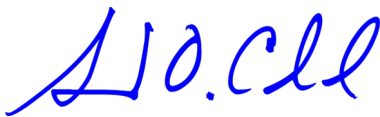
Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

We write to express our strong support for a provision in S. 4796, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2025, which would set aside \$70 million for a new firefighting foam replacement program at U.S. airports. This provision, authorized under section 767 of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Reauthorization Act of 2024, would safeguard our environment and protect public health by assisting airports in transitioning to fluorine-free firefighting foams.


Traditional firefighting foams – mandated by the FAA for use at our airports – contain per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), which present potential adverse health effects to the environment and to humans. The Senate’s provision offers a comprehensive approach to facilitate the critical and timely transition to the newly approved fluorine-free foams, ensuring that airports have the necessary resources to purchase new foam, clean and decontaminate old equipment, acquire any new equipment, and dispose of old foam.

Again, we urge the inclusion of the Senate’s provision that would set aside \$70 million for a new firefighting foam replacement program at U.S. airports. Helping airports transition to fluorine-free firefighting foam as quickly as possible would make significant strides towards our shared goals of environmental stewardship and public health protection. Thank you for your attention to this important matter and for your leadership on the committee.

Sincerely,



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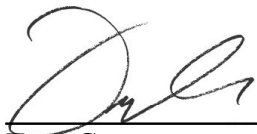
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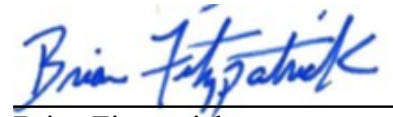
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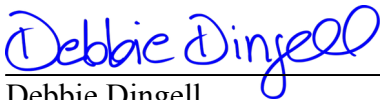
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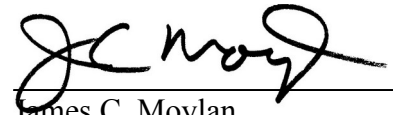
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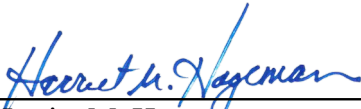
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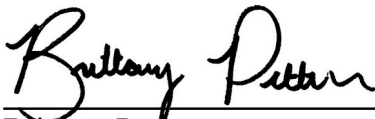
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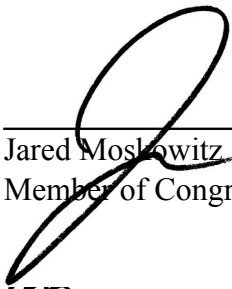
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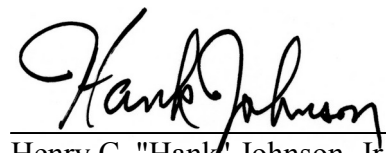
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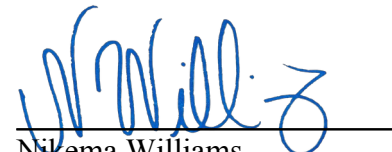
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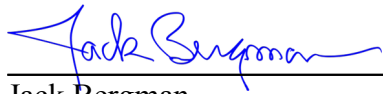
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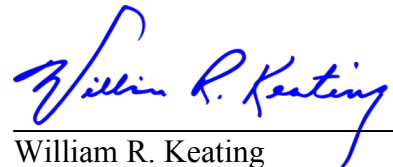
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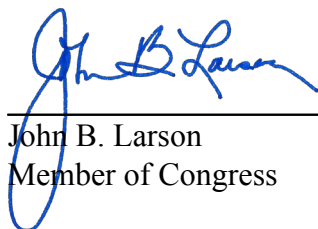
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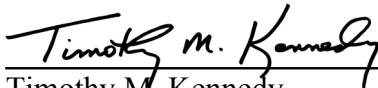
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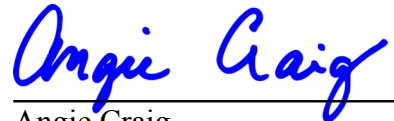
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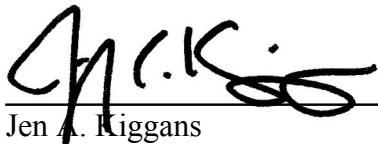
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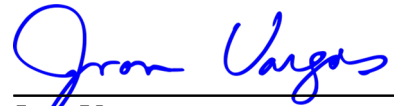
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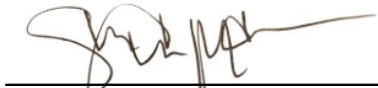
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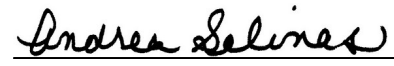
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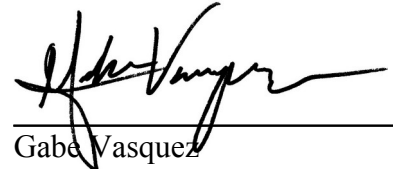
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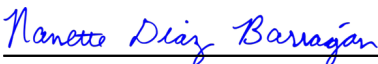
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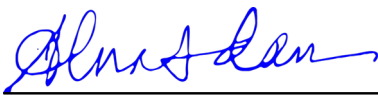
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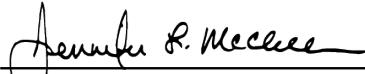
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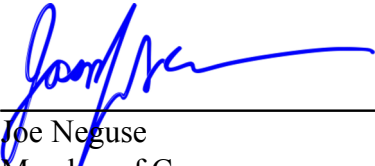
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