

# Congress of the United States

Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Steven T. Mnuchin  
Secretary of the Treasury  
U.S. Department of Treasury  
1500 Pennsylvania Ave NW  
Washington, D.C. 20220

The Honorable Elaine L Chao  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, S.E.  
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Dear Secretary Mnuchin and Secretary Chao:

As air carriers apply to receive loans through the new Treasury lending program authorized in the Coronavirus Aid, Recovery, and Economic Security (CARES) Act (P.L. 116-136) we urge you to ensure that the needs of our constituents and all airports are considered.

We thank you both for your efforts to quickly implement these provisions. As you know the Department of Transportation's Order 2020-4-2 finalized on April 7, 2020, interpreting Section 4005 and 4114(b) of the CARES Act requiring continuation of air service, could allow for airports that provide critical services without air carrier service.

We are concerned that the methodology for identifying covered points might allow for consolidation at larger hub airports and we urge you to consider the needs of our airports when approving applications and ensure that air carriers are fulfilling the minimum needs of all airports. We know from experience after major disruptions, it can take a long time for flights to return to these airports once recovery starts and these disruptions can cause long lasting financial harm to our airports. Ensuring airports can continue to serve our communities is vital. Our communities' access to our national airspace system is critical to local businesses and residents in a global economy. In addition our airports all serve numerous military bases and the potential consolidation might negatively affect our national security operations.

We urge you to use your considerable discretion under the law to ensure that air carriers receiving tax payer funds maintain service to our regional airports and that they do not use this difficult situation to abandon these vital economic drivers in our communities.

Sincerely,



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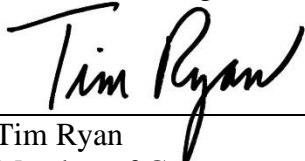
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