



*A resolution adopted by the Louisiana Airport Managers and Associates addressed to Louisiana's federal legislative delegations on the occasion of Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) reauthorization, asking for continued support for airports which serve our nation's large cities and rural areas, and specifically requesting FAA Reauthorization but not in the form prescribed in H.R. 4441 as passed in committee on February 11, 2016.*

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Louisiana Airport Managers and Associates (LAMA) is a Louisiana non-profit agency representing the public use airports of Louisiana, both commercial service airports and general aviation airports, advocating for the aviation industry with a safety focus on the ground and in the air, and

**WHEREAS**, some of those essential services provided to communities across Louisiana through airports include business activities such as transporting personnel, supplies, and equipment to offshore oil and gas facilities and crop treatment and protection, and more general needs such as getting patients to critical medical care, fire-fighting, law enforcement and homeland security, disaster relief and a host of other indispensable business and personal interests, and

**WHEREAS**, LAMA is of the firm belief that oversight and regulation of Air Traffic Control will be best accomplished by reauthorizing the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), and more specifically, by maintaining FAA and Congressional oversight rather than transferring control to a private board or entity which might have authority over funding mechanisms and taxes, two areas best administered by the FAA, which is a governmental body whose direct oversight by Congress best insures its efficiency and responsiveness, and

**WHEREAS**, the local Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) is the most free-market tool to meet the long term needs of passengers by financing vital investments, and modernizing the PFC cap would restore the PFC's lost purchasing power and allow airports to adjust their own PFC level based on locally determined needs to ensure the continued safety, security, and modernization of commercial aviation facilities, and

**WHEREAS**, LAMA is in support of high safety standards and sustainability of the air transport system, the 2013 regulation increasing six fold the required flight experience before hire as first officer (copilot) has cut off the civilian pipeline jeopardizing air service to small commercial markets, LAMA encourages some relief for the first officer requirements, and

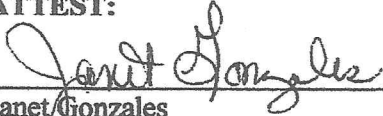


**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that LAMA opposes H.R. 4441 as passed in committee on February 11, 2016.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption; and that the LAMA authorizes its President, Janet Gonzales, to execute any and all instruments to effectuate this Resolution.

Upon the motion by Ralph Hennessy, and second by Yvonne Chenevert, and by unanimous vote, the resolution was adopted this, the 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016.


**ATTEST:**

  
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Janet Gonzales  
President

  
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Peggy S. Romero  
Secretary

I, Peggy S. Romero, Secretary of the Louisiana Airport Managers and Associates, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Louisiana Airport Managers and Associates in a Quarterly Meeting of the Louisiana Airport Managers held Friday, February 12, 2016 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana

**IN FAITH WHEREOF**, I have hereunder set my hand on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of February 2016.

  
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Peggy S. Romero, Secretary  
LOUISIANA AIRPORT MANAGERS AND ASSOCIATES