



# **NMAMA**

## **New Mexico Airport Managers Association**

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Santa Fe, November 24, 2015.

Dear (Congressman, Congresswoman, Senator + Last name)

The New Mexico Airport Managers' Association (NMAMA) is composed of airport managers, tribal, county, municipal employees and aviation related business personnel throughout the state of New Mexico. The purpose of the organization is to aid in the improvement of aviation and airport services to municipalities and tribal communities, to provide educational opportunities to airport managers, and other aviation related personnel, and to promote and foster good working relationships with other elected and appointed officials within the State of New Mexico.

We are writing to you today to voice our support for the following issues and respectfully ask for legislation to include the following critical components:

1. Fund the Airport Improvement Program at \$3.6 billion for FY 2016 and subsequent years;
2. Raise the PFC cap from \$4.50 to \$8.50 for all commercial airports and index the cap to inflation to account for increasing construction costs;
3. Eliminate the punitive Alternative Minimum Tax from airport bonding;
4. Fund the proven and cost effective Contract Air Traffic Control Towers;
5. Fund the USDOT Small Community Air Service Development Program;
6. Fully fund the Essential Air Service Program and remove the participation restrictions added in 2012;
7. Transfer all aviation fuel tax revenues directly into the Airport and Airway Trust Fund without diversion or onerous paperwork which discourages submission.


We are concerned that failure to act in a timely manner will result in repeated continuing resolutions resulting in the disruption of FAA funding for critical airport improvement projects.

We are additionally opposed to the proposals that have been discussed to remove the Air Traffic Control component from the Federal Aviation Administration and transfer it to private enterprise. We are convinced this will lead to a system of user fees that will be detrimental to aviation interests. We currently have the safest and most efficient air traffic control system in the world. Privatizing this system will not result in increased safety or efficiency and will only increase the financial burden placed on the users of the system.

Questions can be addressed to Robert Hudson, NMAMA Board President at: [airport@moriartynm.gov](mailto:airport@moriartynm.gov).

Thank you for your time and your serious consideration of these important issues.

Respectfully,




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