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The Honorable Peter DeFazio  
Chairman  
Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Sam Graves  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

**RE: Hearing on “The Cost of Doing Nothing: Why Investment in Our Nation’s Airports Matter”**

Chairman DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves,

On behalf of the Associated General Contractors of America (AGC), I thank you for holding this very important hearing looking at our nation’s airport infrastructure needs. AGC members are commercial contractors who, among other things, build and renovate America’s airports.

These airport projects represent a significant market segment for our industry. In 2018 alone, local, state and federal governments invested over \$21 billion in renovating and improving America’s airports. These infrastructure investments support more than 250,000 construction jobs. Airport improvement projects also support another 250,000 jobs in the broader economy. Even current investments, the needs of our airports continue to grow due to increases in both passenger and cargo traffic.

Because of such growth, far too many airports around the country are overcrowded, outdated and cramped. Over the next five years, America’s airports will require over \$128 billion in infrastructure upgrades. With needs so great, we urge Congress to explore all funding options for airport infrastructure, including adjusting the Passenger Facility Charge and providing additional funding for the Airport Improvement Program.

AGC stands ready to work with members of this committee to ensure that the infrastructure needs of America’s airports are met.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. O'Neill".

Sean O’Neill  
Vice President, Congressional Relations & Infrastructure Advancement