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Hon. John Mica
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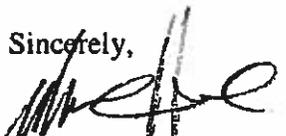
Dear Chairman Mica and Chairman Petri:

I am writing to you today to urge you to quickly extend the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) authorization. The current furloughs and work stoppages as a result of the lapsed authorization are causing significant harm to my constituents, to our local economy, and specifically the Albuquerque International Support.

At the Sunport, the lapse in authorization has resulted in a halt in work on a \$10 million apron replacement project. The project is currently out to bid, but no work can be done to complete the bidding process until expenditures from the FAA is reauthorized. I have great concerns about the impact this will have on my district's economy and job growth.

Air travel and aviation industry jobs are critically important to our nation's economy, and the failure to reauthorize the FAA will have increasingly negative effects on the airline industry, workers, and travelers. I urge you to quickly pass a clean FAA reauthorization to bring an end to these delays.

Sincerely,



MARTIN HEINRICH
Member of Congress

cc: Ranking Member Nick Rahall
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