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On behalf of the City of San Diego, I thank you for your continued leadership in representing our interests in Washington, D.C. As the 118th Congress undertakes the reauthorization of the Federal Aviation Administration, I respectfully urge you to advocate for the City's priorities impacting our two owned and operated municipal airports – Montgomery Gibbs Executive and Brown Field Municipal. Specifically, the City asks for the inclusion of the following priorities:

1. Increase the authorized funding levels for the airports in the National Plan of Integrated Airports System (NPIAS) to a minimum of \$4 billion annually. This would result in more discretionary funding available for City of San Diego airports to make infrastructure enhancements, improve capacity, and increase economic development opportunities.

2. Adjust the Non-Primary Airport entitlement Grant Fund. Specifically, raise General Aviation Airport annual entitlement from \$150,000 to \$1 million for National Airports, \$500,000 for nonprimary commercial service airports; \$250,000 for regional airports, \$150,000 for local airports, and \$0 (Zero) for basic airports. This proposal would increase the entitlement funding for our airports. Brown Field would get an extra \$100,000 annually, and Montgomery – Gibbs Executive would get an additional \$750,000 per year.
3. Provide additional funding for the replacement of old FAA Owned Air Traffic Control Towers (ATCT). The ATCT at Montgomery – Gibbs Executive Airport is very old and antiquated and does not serve the public accordingly. With over 307,000 annual operations in Calendar year 2022, Montgomery – Gibbs Executive Airport is currently the third busiest general aviation airport in the country. Last year the ATCT was elevated to a “Level 9 Tower” due to the complexity of the operations and the number of aircraft served. A new tower would allow for a more efficient traffic flow, aid with line of sight issues, and improve safety.
4. Continue to advocate for the increase of Passenger Facility Charges at Commercial Service Airports. This would increase the aviation trust fund and allow for increased funding overall for airports such as Montgomery – Gibbs Executive and Brown Field Municipal airports.
5. Require the FAA to work with airports and aviation stakeholders to ensure that new technologies such as Unmanned Aircraft Vehicles (UAS) and Advanced Air Mobility are properly integrated into the NPIAS.

Again, thank you for your leadership and advocacy. If you have any questions regarding this letter or our requests, please contact Walt Bishop, Deputy Director of Government Affairs, at 619-533-6140 or WBishop@sanidiego.gov.

Sincerely,



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