

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

November 5, 2009

The Honorable Harry Reid  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
The Capitol, S-221  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Minority Leader  
United States Senate  
The Capitol, S-230  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Majority Leader Reid and Minority Leader McConnell:

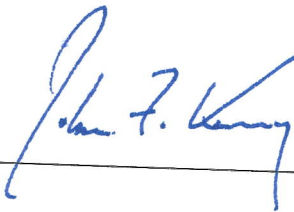
One of the best ways to boost job creation and economic recovery is through infrastructure investment. Passing the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) reauthorization bill (S. 1451) without further delay is an important step we can take to advance that goal.

The FAA bill will provide additional funding to airports in metropolitan areas, in small cities and in rural areas. It will also provide needed funds and congressional direction for the FAA's Next Generation Air Traffic Control system. This system, known as NextGen, is essential for the future capacity and safety of the aviation system. The bill ensures that we have a safer and more efficient aviation system, and in doing so it will provide good construction and technology jobs.

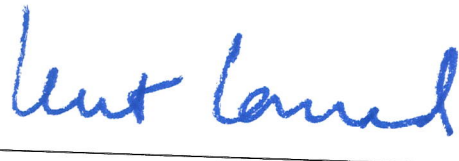
As we all travel to our home states, we talk to people every day who are struggling to keep their homes and their jobs. From rural America to our largest cities, the entire country will benefit from what the FAA bill will provide.

The FAA bill has now been extended through short-term bills for more than two years. It is time for us to pass S. 1451. We stand ready to help move the FAA bill forward and give our country the job creation potential it will provide.

Sincerely,

  
\_\_\_\_\_

  
\_\_\_\_\_

  
\_\_\_\_\_

  
\_\_\_\_\_

Ruff Bond

Paul Bezek

Jeffrey S. Merkley

Paul S. Kirk, Jr

Richard W. Blumenthal

Bob Casey, Jr.

Blanche L. Lincoln Mike Crapo

Joe Test

Tom Harkin

Al Franken Mark R. Lautenberg

Amy Klobuchar

Mark Wy

Kirsten E. Gillibrand

John McCarley

James J. ...

Barbara Byr

Jim Johnson

Von Udoe

Robert Menendez

Jeanne Shaker

George V. Voinovich

Dilitt

Ben Cudi

Barbara A. Mikulski

Olympia Snowe

Jon Kyl

John Reid

Caine McCasill

John Brown

\_\_\_\_\_