

March 22, 2020

ARRA ACTION ALERT – CONTACT YOUR CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION ASAP

ARRA Members and airport concessions operators:

ARRA is working closely with AMAC and our lobbyists to ensure Congress includes relief and assistance for airport concessionaires and ACDBEs in any aviation stimulus legislation now being developed.

Senate leaders are meeting furiously over the weekend to reach agreement on the next COVID-19 stimulus and relief measure. Senate Majority Leader McConnell and Senate Republicans are preparing a bill that includes up to \$58 billion for airline loan guarantees and \$10 billion in emergency grants for airports. **While we support the ACI-NA/AAAE request for \$10 billion in grants to help airports, we are urging Senate Democrats and key Republicans to include specific provisions to help airport concessionaires and ACDBEs directly in the bill.**

ARRA and AMAC have refined our proposal and sent it to Senate and House leaders in the attached letter.

We are asking Congress and the Administration for:

- **\$2.5 billion for full rent abatement for airport concessionaires.**
- **\$3 billion for low-interest or no interest loans and loan guarantees to ensure the ability to stay in business, minimize layoffs and continue to pay employees, and for other operating expenses.**
- **\$3 billion in direct capital support for the outlay of capital that will be required for businesses to get back on their feet (e.g., construction to support business growth and employment.)**

IT IS MOST CRITICAL THAT YOU CONTACT YOUR U.S. SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES IMMEDIATELY AND ASK THEM TO SUPPORT AIRPORT CONCESSIONAIRES IN THE STIMULUS/RELIEF LEGISLATION.

Please call and send the attached letter—and emphasize the disastrous impact on your company and your employees, especially how many jobs are at stake.

You should also contact your congressional delegation as the House leaders are now drafting their provisions for the bill to address the crisis and provide relief to the aviation industry.

Ask them to contact:

- Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA)
- Majority Leader Steny Hoyer (D-MD)
- Rep. Peter DeFazio (D-OR), chairman of the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee
- Rep. Sam Graves (R-MO), ranking minority member of the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee
- Rep. Rick Larsen (D-WA), chairman of the Aviation Subcommittee



- Rep. Garret Graves (R-LA), ranking member, Aviation Subcommittee

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact us anytime.

It is very important that we are unified in our position and continue to communicate a clear message to Members of Congress for relief.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pat Murray'.

Pat Murray
Board Chair
Airport Restaurant & Retail Association

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rob Wigington', enclosed in a black rectangular box.

Rob Wigington
Executive Director
Airport Restaurant & Retail Association

Attachment: ARRA-AMAC joint letter to Senate leaders