

Action Alert

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ARRA Members:

Last week was an extremely busy week on Capitol Hill as COVID-19 relief negotiations gained momentum. A bicameral group of Senators (comprising the "Gang of Eight") and Members of the House, released a \$908B COVID-19 relief proposal. While text has not been released, the framework calls for:

- \$160B for state and local relief.
- \$180B in additional unemployment insurance to provide \$300 for 18 weeks.
- \$288B for small businesses through the PPP.
- \$82B for schools.
- \$45B for transportation including:
 - \$15B for public transit.
 - \$17B for airlines.
 - **\$4B for airports.**
 - \$8B for the private bus and motorcoach industry.
 - \$1B for Amtrak.
 - \$15B for public transit.
- Liability protections for businesses.

It is imperative that any package signed into law before the end of the year includes relief for our concessionaires. Now is a critical time to **CONTACT YOUR SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES AGAIN TO URGE THEM TO INCLUDE FUNDING FOR CONCESSIONAIRES** as part of the funds for airports.

Although the package being considered is not the full \$13.5B for airports (with \$3.5B for concessions rent/MAG relief) ARRA, the concessions coalition and ACI-NA and AAEE have requested, it is for a shorter period of time. It would provide 4 months of relief, through March 31, 2021, and thus the \$4B is a good 'down payment' and important win.

We need to ensure that the \$4B in airport assistance specifically provides funding for concessions rent and Minimum Annual Guarantees (MAG) relief.

Please **CONTACT YOUR LEGISLATORS AND URGE THEM TO CONTACT HOUSE AND SENATE LEADERS** (see attached Target List) to support concessions relief for airports AND CONCESSIONAIRES.

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please let us know. Please share any feedback you receive from your Senators or Representatives or their staff.

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