

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

October 18, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

We write to you today in support of the Reno Tahoe Airport Authority's application for the Fiscal Year 2024 Airport Terminal Grant Program as outlined in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). The application reflects an excellent opportunity for the federal government to support a project aligned with the intent and priorities of the enabling legislation. In fact, the availability of these funds provided the necessary impetus for the airport authority and region to take on a concourse replacement of this magnitude.

The Reno-Tahoe International Airport represents critical transportation infrastructure in Nevada as the state's only medium hub airport, serving the state's capital region, Fallon Naval Air Station, the Tahoe Regional Industrial Center, as well as many rural communities in the state. It is an economic hub of the growing Northern Nevada economy and tourism industry, its modernization program, known as MoreRNO, is a key component to meeting future demand. The replacement of 40-year-old airport concourses will not only add capacity to projected use over the next two decades, but it will also replace obsolete and inefficient building systems like the central utility plant leading to far more accessible and sustainable infrastructure. The central utility plant is expected to reduce energy use intensity by 70%, resulting in operational cost savings and improved air quality.

The Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority has proven to be a capable airport sponsor that enjoys broad community support. The Board of Trustees has demonstrated commitment to the long-term success of this airport. It has made the historic decision to undertake MoreRNO, a transformational infrastructure program designed to meet the needs of this vibrant and growing region for years to come.

For these reasons, we support the effort and request you give the Airport Authority's application your full and fair consideration. Please don't hesitate to reach out to any of us, or our staff, with any questions.

Sincerely,

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Catherine Cortez Masto
United States Senate

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jacky Rosen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J'.

Jacky Rosen
United States Senate

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark V. Amodei". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M'.

Mark Amodei
United States House of Representatives