



CREATING GOOD JOBS, A CLEAN ENVIRONMENT, AND A FAIR AND THRIVING ECONOMY

May 10, 2023

The Honorable Maria Cantwell
Chair, Committee on Commerce
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Ted Cruz
Ranking Member, Committee on Commerce
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Sam Graves
Chair, Committee on Transportation
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Rick Larsen
Ranking Member, Committee on Transportation
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chair Cantwell, Ranking Member Cruz, Chair Graves, and Ranking Member Larsen,

As leaders of the BlueGreen Alliance, a coalition of labor unions and environmental organizations collectively representing millions of members and supporters, we write in support of the Good Jobs for Good Airports Act and urge its inclusion in the upcoming 2023 FAA Reauthorization.

The Good Jobs for Good Airports Act would take necessary steps to guarantee airport service workers a living wage, benefits, and health care by creating high-road labor standards for airports receiving federal dollars. Specifically, the Good Jobs for Good Airports Act would require that small, medium, and large airport hubs provide airport service workers—including service workers employed by food and retail vendors—prevailing wages and benefits.

As the federal government continues to implement historic investments in rebuilding America's infrastructure, it is the responsibility of Congress to ensure that public funding is creating high-quality, family-sustaining jobs. The Good Jobs for Good Airports Act will tie high-road labor standards for airport workers to over \$11 billion in federal investments per year—including \$3.2 billion in Airport Improvement Program grants, \$3.5 billion in passenger facility charges, and \$4 billion in funds under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. By passing this legislation, Congress will demonstrate its commitment to creating good-paying jobs for a workforce that is most often powered by Black, brown, and immigrant workers.

Airport service workers are the backbone of American aviation. From cleaning planes and handling baggage, to protecting airports and performing maintenance, service workers keep airline infrastructure up and running. Securing better and more stable working conditions in our airports will not only advance a just economy, but will support this essential workforce in providing a 21st century transportation system to keep passengers safe and on-time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason Walsh".

Jason Walsh
Executive Director
BlueGreen Alliance