

Support the Development of Aerotropolis Transportation Systems

Become an Original Cosponsor of the Aerotropolis Act of 2011

Dear Colleague:

As we shift towards a more globalized economy, market opportunities are expanding across the globe, and the need for producers to receive and ship goods more frequently and quickly over long distances is increasing. Accordingly, the 21st Century has been dubbed the Fast Century - an era when speed and agility determine commercial success. To serve the economic demands of connectivity, speed, and agility, a new urban form comprising a multimodal transportation network and aviation-intensive businesses called the "aerotropolis" is developing around the world.

Similar in shape to the traditional metropolis design, the aerotropolis can extend up to 30 miles out from major airports and is centered around a planned, coordinated multimodal freight and passenger transportation network called an aerotropolis transportation system. Development of aerotropolis transportation systems is vital to U.S. economic competitiveness as cities around the world such as Paris, Amsterdam, and Beijing create world class transportation networks and compete against American cities to attract corporate headquarters, warehouses, and logistics centers.

In an effort to increase the United State's economic competitiveness and spur the development of domestic aerotropolis transportation systems, I am introducing the Aerotropolis Act of 2011. This legislation would amend the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) to ensure that projects that assist in the establishment of aerotropolis transportation systems are eligible to receive funds under the Projects of National and Regional Significance Program.

Currently, aerotropolis transportation systems are developing in cities across the United States like Detroit and Indianapolis, but these cities are not able to generate sufficient funding for these complex, intermodal networks. The Projects of National Significance Program funds projects with significant national economic benefits that cannot be funded through traditional funding mechanisms, making the program an appropriate funding mechanism for aerotropolis transportation systems.

Please join me in enhancing American economic competitiveness and advancing the development of aerotropolis transportation systems by becoming an original cosponsor of the Aerotropolis Act of 2011. For more information or to cosponsor, please contact Paul Moinester on my staff at 5-3265 or at paul.moinester@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,

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