

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

July 26, 2019

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao  
Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590-0001

Dear Secretary Chao:

We write regarding the application submitted by the City of Phoenix, Arizona for a grant through the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant program for the Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport Northside Rail Expansion.

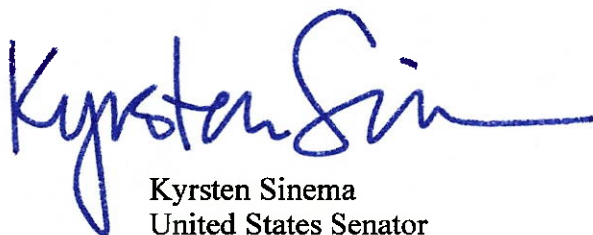
Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport is the largest economic engine in the state of Arizona. Each year, more than 44 million passengers come and go through Sky Harbor, driving \$38 billion in statewide economic activity and sustaining 58,000 jobs. As the Phoenix metro area continues to be one of the fastest growing regions in the country, those numbers will grow and Sky Harbor will need to expand to accommodate increased demand.

The Northside Rail Expansion project would help address increasing passenger, cargo, military, and general aviation growth demands by expanding the existing Sky Harbor International Airport. The project entails trenching an existing Union Pacific rail line to create grade separation at 24th Street. In addition to allowing growth of the airport, grade separations will make roads safer for the surrounding communities.

Sky Harbor provides vital opportunities for businesses, so it is critical the airport has the facilities to serve the region well into the future. The Northside Rail Expansion is necessary for Sky Harbor to meet growing passenger demand and provide space for the Air National Guard 161st Refueling Wing to expand. In addition, this project is located in an Opportunity Zone and will increase commerce in the area.

Airport expansion is necessary for the Phoenix region to remain competitive and keep pace with current and future air transportation demands. In accordance with all existing agency rules, regulations, and ethical guidelines, we urge you to give this proposal full and fair consideration as you make this important funding decision.

Sincerely,

  
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United States Senator

  
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United States Senator



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