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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....

SIGNING OF THE AIRPORT AND AIRWAY DEVELOPMENT
ACT OF 1976, JULY 12, 1976

I AM SIGNING INTO LAW TODAY THE AIRPORT AND AIRWAY
DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1976, WHICH WILL PROVIDE ^{sufficient funds} ~~FIVE BILLION DOLLARS~~
IN THE NEXT FOUR YEARS TO KEEP AMERICA ON THE MOVE.

THE AIRPORT AND AIRWAY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1976 WILL
MAKE POSSIBLE THE CONTINUING MODERNIZATION OF OUR AIRWAYS,
AIRPORTS AND RELATED FACILITIES IN COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT
OUR FIFTY STATES.

THIS LEGISLATION WILL GIVE INCREASED FLEXIBILITY TO
LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN THE MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR
AIRPORT FACILITIES, AND IN STARTING TO SOLVE THE AIRPORT
NOISE PROBLEM.

IT WILL MAKE POSSIBLE THOUSANDS OF JOBS IN AVIATION
RELATED ACTIVITIES.

SIGNIFICANTLY, THIS ACT WILL COMBAT INFLATION
BECAUSE THE FUNDING FOR THESE AIRPORT AND AIRWAYS
IMPROVEMENTS WILL COME FROM USERS OF AVIATION. MOREOVER,
FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE 1971, MAINTENANCE OF THE AIR
NAVIGATION SYSTEMS WILL BE FUNDED IN PART OUT OF THE AIRPORT
TRUST FUND. IN A SENSE, THIS IS A "PAY AS YOU FLY"
PROGRAM.

APPROPRIATELY, THE AIRPORT AND AIRWAY DEVELOPMENT
ACT OF 1976 COINCIDES WITH THE 50TH ANIVERSARY OF
SCHEDULED AIR TRANSPORTATION IN THE UNITED STATES●

SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION COLEMAN AND FEDERAL
AVIATION ADMINISTRATOR McLUCAS, WORKING CLOSELY WITH MEMBERS
OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE AND WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF THE ENTIRE
AVIATION COMMUNITY, HAVE BROUGHT FORWARD A MEASURE WHICH
WILL ASSURE CONTINUED U.S. LEADERSHIP IN THE TECHNOLOGY,
EFFICIENCY AND SAFETY OF AIR TRANSPORTATION.

THIS FAR-SIGHTED AND COOPERATIVE EFFORT WILL ASSURE THAT
OUR COUNTRY CONTINUES TO BENEFIT FROM THE WORLD'S BEST
AVIATION SYSTEM.

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