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## NAPITA Applauds H.R. 2 Amendment Calling for FAA Report on Air Travel-Dependent Industries Unable to Access COVID-19 Funds

*Jackson-Lee Amendment #311 Adopted En Bloc During Floor Consideration of the Moving Forward Act*

WASHINGTON, DC, July 1, 2020 – The Near Airport Parking Industry Trade Association (NAPITA), an association of national parking operators dedicated to providing dependable and affordable travel options that improve the customer experience at major American airports, issued the below statement on H.R. 2, the Moving Forward Act, which today passed the House and included the Jackson Lee Amendment #311. The Jackson Lee Amendment requires the Secretary of Transportation to direct the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to issue a report within 60 days to the House and Senate Committees of jurisdiction on specific sectors of the airport system of infrastructure that have yet to receive any COVID-related funding and provide a plan for prioritizing these unfunded areas for the next round of funding.

*“In the three and a half months since COVID-19 caused an unprecedented downturn in air-travel, NAPITA’s members have been desperately seeking relief and immediate liquidity from the federal programs specifically purposed in helping companies like ours—those that have been most impacted by COVID-19. The adoption of the Jackson Lee Amendment in today’s passage of H.R. 2 serves as a glimmer of hope for an industry that may not be here another three months from now. Understanding the impact of picking the winners and losers through the disparate allocation of federal funds to air-travel related industries is a critical first step. However, merely understanding won’t be enough, and we call on Congress and the Administration to urgently turn their attention to offering assistance to the industries being left behind.”*

The near-airport parking industry is entirely reliant on air travel, which has been completely decimated by COVID-19; NAPITA’s operators across the country have seen more than a 95% drop in revenues. Some have even seen revenues fall to zero. Additionally, the industry’s national operators, who combined employ

roughly 5,000, have had to make the incredibly difficult decisions to lay off or furlough 90% of their workforce while closing a number of their parking facilities at 61 major airports because they remain unable to access federal relief purposed in providing a lifeline to the businesses hit hardest by the coronavirus pandemic.

Signed into law on March 27, 2020, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act provided essential assistance to employees and various industries impacted by COVID-19. However, the law and the regulations promulgated from it actually put the small number of national near-airport parking companies in an even more precarious situation by boxing them out of the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) due to number of employees and limiting access to the Main Street Lending Program by relying on calculations that make little sense for asset-based, real estate borrowers like NAPITA's members.

At the same time, the CARES Act provided direct appropriations to America's airports to stay afloat during this significant and unprecedented downturn in travel. NAPITA's members complement and in nearly all cases compete directly with airports for parking customers, and airports are requiring near-airport parking operators to continue to pay access and permitting fees without any relief, further jeopardizing the ability for the industry to stay afloat. Without access to any federal loan or grant programs combined with leniency from airport partners, the near-airport parking industry will not survive the pandemic. Furthermore, the Heroes Act, passed by the House on May 15, 2020, did not include any of the necessary changes that would allow NAPITA national operators to participate fully in either the PPP or the Main Street Lending Program. NAPITA calls on the Senate to urgently address this critical oversight.

NAPITA is not one company looking out for merely its best economic interests—it is an industry representing more than 12,000 employees and millions of customers who depend on ground transportation and world-class airport facilities to work, travel, and live. Each year, the industry sees approximately 12 million parking visits nationwide, which equates to serving nearly 25 million individual travelers. NAPITA's mission is to partner with airports and other stakeholders in the aviation industry to ensure safe, efficient, and equitable access to their airport curb for off-airport parking operators and to increase the role ground transportation plays in the broader air travel industry and the overall experience for air travelers.

NAPITA will continue to advocate for the industry and the vital role it plays within the broader aviation ecosystem.

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