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The Honorable Sharice Davids 2435 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Troy Carter 442 Cannon House Office Building Washington, DC 20510 The Honorable Mike Flood 343 Cannon House Office Building Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Tracey Mann 344 Cannon House Office Building Washington, DC 20510

Dear Representatives Davids, Flood, Carter, and Mann:

On behalf of the Global Business Travel Association (GBTA), the world's largest professional association representing the \$1.57 trillion global business travel industry, we write to express our strong support for the **Securing America's Fuels (SAF) Act** and to urge swift, bipartisan passage of the bill.

GBTA members include travel managers and procurement leaders on the user side and airlines, hotels, rental car companies, travel management companies, booking and distribution platforms, and payment systems on the supplier side. Together, our members directly manage more than \$400 billion in annual global business travel and meetings expenditures. Reliable, affordable, and sustainable air travel is essential to our members' operations, and the future growth of the U.S. economy.

The United States has become a global leader in sustainable aviation fuel innovation, but recent changes to the federal incentive landscape threaten to slow this progress. The 45Z Clean Fuel Production Tax Credit—created through 2027—currently allows SAF to receive a bonus credit of up to \$1.75 per gallon if prevailing wage and apprenticeship standards are met. However, the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA) enacted in July 2025, while extending 45Z through 2029, eliminated the SAF bonus credit beginning in 2026, reducing the maximum incentive to \$1.00 per gallon and undermining the economics of new SAF projects.

The SAF Act directly and responsibly addresses this challenge by:

- Restoring the original SAF bonus credit, enabling qualifying SAF production to once again receive up to \$0.35 or \$1.75 per gallon; and
- Extending 45Z for all clean fuels through 2033, providing long-term stability that supports investment, innovation, and supply chain development.

This bill will improve economic growth and lower costs for consumers and businesses travelers over time. Specifically, restoring the SAF incentive and extending 45Z will:

- Provide business certainty for SAF producers and airlines.
   A predictable, long-term incentive reduces risk, unlocks private capital, strengthens offtake agreements, and accelerates commercialization across diverse feedstocks and production pathways.
- Lower consumer and business travel costs over time.

  By narrowing the cost gap between SAF and conventional Jet-A, the incentive supports larger



production volumes that help reduce SAF's per-gallon price—ultimately easing upward pressure on airfares.

- Reduce aviation lifecycle emissions.

  SAF offers meaningful greenhouse gas reductions compared to conventional jet fuel and is a core component of corporate sustainability goals and airline net-zero commitments.
- Support rural communities, agriculture, and American energy leadership.

  The SAF supply chain creates new markets for farmers, supports biorefinery and logistics jobs, and advances U.S. energy security through diversified, domestically produced fuels.

GBTA's economic research illustrates the stakes. In 2025, U.S. business travel is projected to generate \$395.4 billion in direct spending within a global sector of \$1.57 trillion. Business travel contributes nearly \$421 billion annually in direct U.S. spending, supports 6 million jobs, and accounts for nearly 2% of U.S. GDP. For every dollar spent on business travel, \$1.15 is returned to the U.S. economy—clear evidence that policies keeping travel affordable, reliable, and sustainable strengthen overall economic growth.

GBTA strongly supports the passage of the SAF Act and encourages the House to include complementary measures that streamline SAF certification, improve supply chain logistics, advance research and demonstration programs that lower costs, and accelerate deployment at airports nationwide.

We appreciate your leadership in advancing practical, pro-growth climate and energy solutions for aviation. GBTA stands ready to serve as a resource as this bill moves through the legislative process. Please contact Shane Downey, Vice President, Government Relations, at sdowney@gbta.org or (703) 459-7425.

Thank you,

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