



July 25, 2022

## Dear Member of Congress:

As representatives of America's expansive travel community, we respectfully urge your support for policies that will further reduce travel's impact on the environment and build a more sustainable future for travel. Specifically, we urge you to enact this year tax incentives for the production of sustainable aviation fuel (SAF), the installation of electric vehicle charging stations, clean energy, and energy efficiency upgrades to commercial buildings, along with strong federal investments to protect and restore our nation's natural attractions.

Building a more sustainable future for travel is not only critical to protecting our planet, but also vital for the future growth and success of our industry. As sustainability becomes a greater priority for both business and leisure travelers, reducing travel's carbon footprint and preserving the beauty of our natural environment is fundamental to our growth and global competitiveness.

Travel businesses and organizations of all sizes—from airlines and hotels to airports and attractions—are already taking steps to reduce waste, lower emissions, protect natural environments, and switch to more sustainable sourcing. However, to accelerate and enable greater investment in this area, we need greater support at the federal level. To that end, we ask that you work to enact the following pro-environment, pro-growth measures:

- A tax credit for the production and use of Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF), such as those proposed in the Sustainable Skies Act (H.R. 3440/S. 2263).
- An enhanced tax credit to increase the availability of electric vehicle charging stations.
- An enhanced tax deduction to increase energy efficiency upgrades to commercial buildings.
- Federal investments to protect and restore natural attractions, including recreational waterways, shorelines, and National Parks.
- Other clean energy incentives for investment in renewable energy deployment, green hydrogen, carbon
  capture and storage, direct air capture and other innovative technologies to lower the carbon intensity of
  transportation fuels and the power grid.

With these policies in place, we can significantly increase the scale and speed of our industry's sustainability initiatives. America is at its best when the public and private sectors work hand-in-hand. With that in mind, we stand ready to work with you to achieve a more sustainable and energy-independent future.

Sincerely,

A Woman of Wonderland

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