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REP. HANSEN CLARKE AND WAYNE COUNTY EXECUTIVE ROBERT FICANO APPLAUD THE ADDITION OF AEROTROPOLIS LANGUAGE TO THE FAA REAUTHORIZATION

*Measure Would Encourage Development of Aerotropolis Transportation Systems
in Southeast Michigan to Spur Economic Growth, Create Jobs*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Yesterday, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee approved the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) reauthorization bill including an amendment that would spur development of the proposed Aerotropolis in Michigan. The provision was authored by Congressman Steve Cohen (TN-9), a member of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. The bill now heads to full House where Congressman Hansen Clarke will work to secure the passage of this important provision for the Detroit Region.

The Aerotropolis is an effort to take advantage of the Detroit Region's world class transportation assets - including Detroit Wayne County Airport - to attract businesses from around the world that want to locate where they can most efficiently move their goods into the global economy. "I am very pleased to partner with Congressman Cohen and other Members to see this important provision enacted. The development of the Aerotropolis has the potential to bring thousands of new jobs to the Detroit Region. This is a critical initiative for economic development and the region's economic future," said Congressman Hansen Clarke.

"The need to ship and receive goods more quickly and over longer distances is increasing by the day," said Congressman Cohen. "Establishing aerotropolis transportation systems...across the country will spur economic growth, create jobs, improve our shipping transportation network, and enable us to compete more effectively in the 21st Century global economy."

The amendment directs the Secretary of Transportation to encourage the development of aerotropolis transportation systems. Aerotropolis transportation systems are currently

developing in cities across the United States like Detroit, Memphis, and Indianapolis. This provision will encourage true intermodal planning and expedite aerotropolis transportation systems in the Detroit Region and across the nation.

Adding this language to the FAA Reauthorization is an important first step in creating a comprehensive federal policy to support aerotropolis development.

"The proposed Aerotropolis development in southeast Michigan has incredible potential for not only our region, but all of Michigan, allowing our assets to be utilized in spurring economic growth and development," Wayne County Executive Robert A. Ficano stated. "In fact, an independent report administered by Jones Lang LaSalle predicts up to \$10 billion in economic impact, and the potential for 65,000 new jobs. We're pleased to see this provision added to the pending legislation, and thank Congressman Clarke for not only his interest, but for also seeing the incredible impact this development will make on our region. We look forward to continued collaboration as the project continues."

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