

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

February 3, 2014

Darren Odegard  
Federal Aviation Administration  
1601 Lind Ave. SW  
Renton, WA 98057

Dear Mr. Odegard:

In light of the decision that the new FAA tower at the Tucson International Airport will not move forward with a Project Labor Agreement (PLA), we respectfully request that the Federal Aviation Administration reconsider this decision.

We have heard from a number of constituents and labor leaders in our district on the importance of Project Labor Agreements. As you know, PLAs are strongly encouraged by President Obama's Executive Order 13502, which encourages federal agencies to use PLAs on large-scale construction projects.

We urge you to utilize a PLA for this project, as well as any projects that include multiple trade classifications and multiple contractors and subcontractors. This agreement will establish ground rules for all contractors and workers engaged on a project. PLAs also provide a higher level of certainty for long-term projects, since they remain in place as different contractors and subcontractors come and go, ensuring everyone knows how to meet the construction manager's expectations.

As members of Congress, our priority is finishing federal projects on time, within budget, and safely. PLAs help build the framework to ensure we are good stewards of taxpayer dollars while allowing for conditions that benefit workers, contractors, and subcontractors.

Again, we respectfully ask that you reconsider your decision and await your response.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



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