



Greetings,

As our industry emerges from the challenges brought on by the COVID-19 Pandemic North Carolina continues to show why it is the premiere state for aviation. With personal aviation expanding, commercial travel rebounding and skyrocketing aerospace manufacturing aviation continues to thrive. This is due in no small part to the support of our elected officials and the many members that continue to chase opportunities, expand airports, and make North Carolina a great place for business and industry to land.

The Association has the mission to promote airports and aviation, encourage development of the profession and its members and to advocate collectively on behalf of the industry. Below are some of the legislative issues of interest to members that have been identified for the upcoming sessions. These topics range from land use to environmental, but none are more critical to airports than capital funding for infrastructure projects. Due to the hard work of many, State funding for airports has grown to well over \$100M in FY22. During the session our representatives from Kilpatrick, Townsend & Stockton and the Board will continue to monitor legislation, advocating for the benefit of all 72 of the NC airports. Members are highly encouraged to discuss these issues with your legislators and the NCAA Legislative Affairs Committee stands ready to assist.

NCAA Legislative Priorities for 2022-2023

- Maintain/Grow Capital Funding for Airport Infrastructure and Debt Financing
- Promote Value of Aviation with Legislators & Staff
 - Highlight the Jobs, Economic Output, Taxes Generated and the High ROI of Airport Investments
- Represent Aviation Interests in Economic Development Programs
 - Expand The NCDOTs Economic Development Program to Allow More Airports to Undertake Job Producing Projects
 - Create an Air Service Development Program that Incentivizes New Airline Service
- Advocate for Smart Growth, Zoning and Land Use Related Legislation Designed to Balance Airport/Aviation Safety and Local Community Needs
- Ensure Environmental Rule Making is Consistent
 - Ensure PFAS/PFOA Rulemaking Considers Replacement AFFF Approval and Availability
 - Consider AFFF Take Back/Buy Back Program for Airports and Structural Fire Departments (MI & MA)
 - Mitigate Airport Liability Associated with the Mandated Use of AFFF and PFAS/PFOA.
- Support Renewal of the NC Statewide General Discharge Permit
- Support Efforts to Ensure Appropriate Staffing at the DOA to Maintain Historically Responsive Provision of Services
- Advance Policies that Support the Licensure of Airport Authority Owned Vehicles as Local Government (Permanent Plates)



NCAA Legislative Priorities for 2022-2023 *continued*

- Law Enforcement Jurisdiction for Airport LEOs
 - Airport LEOs Do Not have ETJ, But Threats to Aviation Extend Beyond the Fence
 - Cannot be “Fixed” by Local Action
- Ground Transportation Issues (Turo & TNCs) that Impact Airport Revenue and Curbside Management
- Support Local Bills that Benefit Airports