



GBTA Legislative Summit 2026: Georgia was in the House...And The Senate... Advocating for What Matters Most



Economic Impact

The importance of business travel within and to the U.S.



Aviation During Shutdowns

Co-sponsor Keep America Flying Act – H.R. 5851 & S. 3031 to fund TSA and FAA personnel.



Ban In-Flight Calls

Consistent, enforceable framework protecting passengers and preserving the business travel experience.



Sustainable Aviation Fuel

Co-sponsor the SAF Act H.R. 6518 & S. 3759 to restore the \$1.75/gallon SAF production tax credit through 2033.

The Economic Impact of Business Travel

- 2024- 487.8 million business trips
- \$623.8 Billion Economic Impact
- 6.7 American Jobs Supported
- \$366.4 Billion Wages Generated
- Our Asks on the Hill are all tied to the economic impact of business travel.





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Issue 1 – Keep America Flying Act

Message to Congress

Washington, DC | June 10-12



Our Ask: Sponsor the Keep America Flying Act: Protecting Aviation Operations During Government Shutdowns

Keep Our Economy Moving, Protect Travelers, and Ensure TSA and FAA
Personnel Are Paid



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The Longest Shutdown in U.S. History

- The recent **76-day Department of Homeland Security shutdown** — the longest funding lapse in U.S. history.
- The most recent follows a full U.S. federal government shutdown lasted 43 days, from October 1, 2025, to November 12, 2025.
- Travelers, frontline workers, and the broader economy bore the consequences of a budget impasse they had no role in creating.



Immediate & Severe Disruption

The 76-day shutdown triggered cascading failures across the aviation system — from closed checkpoints to mass resignations.

40–50% Callout Rates

TSA officer absences at major airports forced checkpoint closures, with security lines stretching out of terminal doors.

~4-Hour Wait Times

Travelers endured hours-long delays nationwide. Flights were canceled and entire events were pulled down.

1,110+ Resignations

TSA officers resigned during the shutdown, creating long-term staffing damage affecting travelers for months after funding was restored.



Issue 2: Ban In-Flight Calls to Preserve the Business Traveler Experience

Maintain a Professional Travel Environment for the Benefit of All Travelers



The Connectivity Revolution



Advancements in in-flight connectivity have significantly improved the passenger experience, enabling business travelers to **work, communicate, and remain productive** while in the air.

Onboard Wi-Fi is now widely available and increasingly capable of supporting voice and video communications — but federal regulatory policy has not kept pace.



The Regulatory Gap-Sanity in the Skys

FCC Has Acted

In-flight **cellular calls** are banned by FCC rule.

Wi-Fi Loophole

Airlines set their **own policies** on Wi-Fi-based calls — no federal standard.

DOT Has Not Acted

The **2018 FAA Reauthorization Act** directed DOT to issue rules — no finalized rule exists.

Why It Matters for Business Travelers



Protects Productivity

Quiet cabins allow travelers to work, rest, and prepare — core components of productive travel.



Prevents Conflict

Limiting voice calls in confined spaces supports a more predictable, professional onboard experience.



Ensures Consistency

A uniform federal standard reduces confusion for passengers and operators across all carriers.



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Issue 3 – SAF: Powering American Energy, Agriculture and Aviation

Message to Congress



Business Travel Depends on Aviation



GBTA research finds nearly **500 million business trips** are taken within the U.S. annually — **36%** involve air travel, second only to personal vehicles.

U.S. jet fuel consumption remains near **record highs** as demand stays elevated despite fuel price volatility and global energy market disruptions.



What Is SAF?

Sustainable Aviation Fuel is a **domestically produced, drop-in fuel** made from bio waste such as corn by products, and animal waste from cows and pigs.

It blends with conventional jet fuel, works in existing aircraft today, and reduces aviation lifecycle emissions by **up to 80%**.

Climate Impact

Up to 80% lifecycle emission reduction

Jobs this program creates

33,000

Construction Jobs

Over five years

4,500

Permanent Operations Jobs

Sustained

60,000

Agriculture & Logistics Jobs

By 2030



The Ask: Support and Vote Yes on the SAF Act.

The **Clean Fuel Production Tax Credit** originally provided SAF a bonus credit of up to **\$1.75/gallon**.

The **One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA)**, enacted July 2025, **eliminated the SAF bonus credit** beginning in 2026, capping the incentive at **\$1.00/gallon** and undermining new SAF project economics :

Extend this credit through 2033

Providing **long-term stability** for investment, innovation, and supply chain development across all clean fuels

Commitment to Advocacy:

- Ensures our Industry Has a Seat at The Table
- Turns Our Collective Voice Into Real Policy Impact
- Stay Tuned for Updates!



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