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Representative LaHood Will be the Next Secretary of Transportation

President-elect Barack Obama nominated Congressman Ray LaHood to be Secretary of Transportation. Secretary LaHood will oversee the nation's critical transportation system that is so important to individuals and communities throughout the country.

Congressman LaHood, retired this year after seven terms in Congress. He is currently a member of the House Appropriations Committee. Prior to that assignment, he worked on transportation issues as a member of the House Transportation Committee.

Congressman LaHood, who represents Peoria and the surrounding area in downstate Illinois, understands the importance of competitive flight options for small markets and the problems associated with congestion, along with other critical aviation issues that will need to be addressed in 2009.

Edward Faberman, Executive Director of the Air Carrier Association of America (ACAA), issued the following statement on President-elect Obama's selection of Congressman LaHood to be Secretary of Transportation:

“ACAA congratulates Congressman LaHood on his nomination to be Secretary of Transportation. We are confident that with the Congressman's service on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, and his focus on building airline service options to Peoria and other markets, he understands many of the challenges that face the aviation industry. The ACAA and its members look forward to working with Representative LaHood, as Secretary of Transportation, to address the many critical issues facing the industry including maintaining the future of airline deregulation and promoting “Open Skies” in the United States and throughout the world.”

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