

February 22, 2019

To the Honorable Geoff Duncan and members of the Georgia State Senate:

The proposed legislation to manufacture a state takeover of Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (HJAIA) undermines the talented and diverse workforce that has labored for decades to create an incomparable facility whose standards of excellence are known around the world.

Hartsfield-Jackson has been ranked the world's busiest airport for the last 20 years and the most efficient airport for 15 consecutive years -- achievements made possible through the hard work of its 60,000-plus employees.

ATL is an industry leader with iconic airline partners who have made long-term commitments to its success and to the well-being of our communities.

It has set benchmarks for operational efficiency and minority-and-small business hiring that have inspired the growth of Metro Atlanta's progressive business community, enhanced our status as a world-class transportation hub, and built Georgia's economy into a national power.

At a time when competition for economic development is at its most challenging, it would be counter-productive to stall the engine of our prosperity and burden our most formidable asset with the unnecessary complications of an unclear future.

Ultimately, this legislation is more about politics than performance.

We the undersigned stand opposed.

Respectfully,

Georgia Coalition for the People's Agenda

NAACP, Atlanta Chapter

Urban League of Greater Atlanta