



## Position Statement

### **AIRFARE Act: Removing Barriers for Families and Travelers Who Need Support**

On August 8, 2025, U.S. Representative Greg Steube introduced the AIRFARE Act, a bill that makes air travel more compassionate and less stressful for families and passengers who need extra assistance. From parents helping children to caregivers supporting passengers in wheelchairs, the legislation ensures that loved ones can provide the care and reassurance travelers need throughout their journey.

#### **Affordable Skies' Position**

Affordable Skies strongly supports the goals of the AIRFARE Act and similar initiatives that improve the travel experience for families and passengers requiring extra support. Air travel should be safe, affordable, and accessible to everyone. Allowing parents, guardians, or caregivers to escort unaccompanied minors or passengers needing assistance not only creates a more comfortable and positive experience, but also reduces the strain on understaffed airport and airline staff, helping shorten wait times and improve service for all passengers.

#### **How the AIRFARE Act Helps Travelers and Families**

- **Less Stress at Security:** Families and caregivers with TSA PreCheck will finally be able to use it when accompanying minors or passengers who need support, making security faster, smoother, and less stressful.
- **Simpler Gate Access:** The bill makes it easier for parents, guardians, and caregivers to obtain gate passes, ensuring loved ones receive support from check-in to boarding.
- **A More Supportive Experience:** By removing unnecessary barriers, the AIRFARE Act fosters a more compassionate airport environment while easing pressure on airline and airport staff.

#### **Conclusion**

Affordable Skies believes that affordability and accessibility go hand-in-hand. The AIRFARE Act is a commonsense step toward ensuring dignity, safety, and peace of mind for families and caregivers navigating America's airports.

**We urge Congress to move this important legislation forward without delay.**