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The Honorable Representative Tobias Read, Chair
House Committee On Transportation and Economic Development
900 Court Street NE
H-178 State Capitol
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Dear Chair Read:

The Oregon Board of Aviation unanimously supports House bill 2016. The bill includes noncommercial aviation under the umbrella of protected recreation that already includes boating, hunting and winter sports. Similar legislation has already been passed in 18 other states including Idaho, Washington, Utah and Montana to include aviation under recreational activities statutes.

Recreational noncommercial aviation includes but is not limited to routine aviation activities such as normal flight, landings, takeoffs, taxiing and other routine flying activities. This will primarily benefit the over 360 private airports around the state when those airports are used for noncommercial recreational aviation as well as landowners that give permission to pilots for recreational activity.

Mark Gardiner
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