

Testimony of

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Honoring pilots and volunteers of Oregon Wing of Angel Flight West for service to people of this state

Chairman Matthews and committee members, I am Raoul Van Landuyt, a resident of Keizer, and the Hospital & Agency Outreach Coordinator of the Angel Flight West Oregon Wing. I have been a non-pilot member of Angel Flight West since May, 2010. As Rosemary mentioned, I am here to provide information about non-pilot volunteers of the Wing.

One of our largest non-flying activities is outreach. Our main focus is to inform social workers, case managers, and medical personnel in health care facilities about the services we provide. In 2012, fourteen volunteers visited twenty-two hospitals and clinics and fourteen social services agencies in Oregon. Not all hospitals in Portland were visited but our outreach touched thirteen Oregon counties.

Additionally, we hosted an information exhibit at three conferences: Oregon Academy of Family Physicians, Oregon Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence, and Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board.

Our public relations volunteer reports the Oregon Wing received positive media coverage in several regional news outlets around Oregon.

Throughout 2012, Rosemary has been assisted by two area leaders, one for central Oregon located in Bend, and one in Eastern Oregon located in Baker City. These leaders assist Rosemary in ensuring the needs of these regions are served.

We also have a key non-pilot volunteer who coordinates and expedites missions with Oregon Wing Command Pilots.

Pilots and non-pilots of the Oregon Wing together work to improve the lives of Oregon citizens by providing the transportation they need to address healthcare and other urgent needs.

I join Rosemary and Joe in thanking you for your consideration of this measure and for the opportunity to speak with you today.