

To Committee Chair Caddy McKeown & Committee Members:

I understand there is a punitive bill coming before the legislators to significantly raise the fuel tax on leaded aviation fuel. This is absurd. Please work diligently to defeat this bill.

As a member of the flying community, the FAA has addressed this issue, unleaded fuel replacements are in testing right now for a mandatory release in 2018, the amount of lead added to the environment by general aviation is very small, not considered a health risk by *any state or federal environmental or public health agency*, and that general aviation in Oregon contributes approximately \$3.02 billion a year to the Oregon economy.

This bill will have a severe negative effect on general aviation in Oregon and it will create unnecessary economic hardships for a lot of individuals – including me. My preference is for the legislature to defeat this bill with a resounding ‘NO’. An alternative would be for the legislature to consider *subsidies to fuel sellers who offer ethanol free auto gas*, a lead-free alternative that can be used by many small aircraft right now.

Thank you for your consideration.

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