

Re: In Support of SB 534

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Introduction:

- Commercial Airplane and Helicopter Pilot
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Value of Airports:

- Infrastructure Development is primary to success.
- Transportation System, Land, Sea and Air
  - Emergency Management
    - Fixed Wing
    - Helicopter
    - Air Ambulance (Military & Life Flight)
    - Logistical Support to Emergencies
    - Staging Areas
  - General Aviation
    - Corporate Aviation
      - Company Size for Corporate Aircraft
      - MAJOR Employers - JOBS
      - Economic Impact to Surrounding Areas – Diversification
      - Passengers – Not as the media portrays.
    - Hobby Aviation
      - Fly for enjoyment – just as do boating, driving, cyclists, etc...
      - Contribution to Education
    - Flight Training

- Entry level for local and world.
- Continuing training for Airline, Corporate, Military, Hobby

Please support the passage of this bill as it brings so much to communities throughout the State, both directly and indirectly. Please feel free to contact me should you have questions about the value of aviation to our State.

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