

February 22, 2017

To: House Committee on Transportation Policy
RE: HB 2109
Hearing date: February 22, 2017

Honored Chair and Committee members,


My name is Terri Coleman and I am a pilot and I co-own and operate a private airport in Clackamas County.

Lenhardt Airpark was founded by my father, Jack Lenhardt, approximately 60 years ago and this business has contributed to the Oregon economy in numerous ways over this time; each of these ways of contributing to the economy rely on aviation fuel. As of today, Lenhardt Airpark has over 100 aircraft based at its facility and I am representing each of our aircraft owners as well as myself, an Oregon business owner, and asking that you vote against House Bill 2109.

House Bill 2109 has negative effects on pilots and suppliers of fuel who have no control over availability of a non-leaded option for aircraft fuel. A non-leaded option for aircraft fuel which is reasonably priced MUST be made available first before making the sale of or purchase of low-lead aviation fuel illegal; Lenhardt Airpark's 100 plus aircraft which its owners' pump thousands of dollars into Oregon's economy each year depend on this. Emergency services, firefighting and search and rescue should not and cannot be halted in Oregon, but they COULD be if House Bill 2109 is passed.

Leaded fuel has no significant effect on Oregon residents according to Oregon's DEQ; but even though Avgas has never been demonstrated to have any significant effect on circulating lead levels, I obviously would abide by the law and provide unleaded fuel when the fuel companies and refineries provided it to me. House Bill 2109 is premature and not needed at this time. House Bill 2109 would only hurt Oregonians and Oregon businesses. I am asking you to vote NO on House Bill 2109.

Respectfully,
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