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Representative Susan McLain  
Chair, Transportation Policy Committee  
900 Court St. NE, H477  
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Chair McLain and Members of the House Transportation Policy Committee:

On behalf of Life Flight Network, I encourage you to support HB 4092, which would allow state airports to expand into areas zoned exclusively for farm use.

As you may be aware, Life Flight Network is the largest not-for-profit air ambulance operator in the country. We are very pleased to provide ICU-level emergency transportation via helicopter, fixed-wing, and ground ambulance from our 26 bases spread across Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Montana. We are headquartered out of the Aurora State Airport (KUAO), from which we operate both rotor-wing and fixed-wing aircraft, including a jet we acquired last year to support the further expansion of our life-saving services.

A 6000-foot runway has been in KUAO's master plan since 1976 and reaffirmed in 2013. HB 4092 would pave the way for that runway expansion to take place. An expanded runway would hold multiple benefits for KUAO and the surrounding community, including additional safety for its customers and potential expansion of operations.

Again, as a business operating out of Aurora State Airport, I ask you to support HB 4092. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this or any other issue affecting emergency medical transports.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Michael Griffiths  
CEO