

Representative Lewis,

Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to support the efforts of continued growth at the Aurora State Airport. We are a Fixed Based Operator (FBO) on the field (along with two other locations in Destin FL and Minneapolis) and have been for a little over a year since purchasing the Aurora Jet Center in Oct 2016 and subsequently Aurora Aviation's fuel services from Bruce Bennett July 1<sup>st</sup> 2017. Lynx FBO Aurora directly employs 10 FT benefit eligible employees and one part time employee here at the airport. We are responsible for the customer service, movements, and fueling of many based aircraft and most visiting aircraft.

The extension of the runway to 6000 feet places the Aurora State Airports ability to serve a wider base of clients and allow current and future aircraft to purchase more fuel from us which in turn increases our revenue and the state tax revenue from fuel sales (currently we are paying \$.03 in jet fuel tax and \$.08 in flow fee per gallon to the state). This year we are planning to purchase from our vendor over 1,000,000 gallons of jet fuel and that number only increases once the runway is lengthened. Aircraft that are based here or departing from here can make it to Hawaii or to the east coast nonstop because they have the ability to purchase all their fuel here. Currently, aircraft either stop in the bay area and fill up before going to Hawaii or somewhere in the Midwest if going east, giving those states revenue that should be kept here in Oregon.

Other ways the extension helps – It allows for quieter landings, increases safety (especially during wet and icy conditions), allows for all charter aircraft to utilize the field which in turn help our local restaurants, hotels, gas stations, etc. Our industry, like others, helps support so many jobs directly and indirectly in the counties surrounding us and the state.

If I can answer any questions you may have, please reach out to me so we can we have the discussion and get the facts on table for all to see. I look forward to meeting you when you are able to take Bruce up his offer of a tour of the airport in January.

Thank You for your time

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