

## **TWGW, INC. NAPA AUTO PARTS**

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*Dear Chair McLain and members of the House Transportation Policy Committee,*

*I am writing in support of HB 4092,*

*As a business with four locations in close proximity to Aurora State Airport, we have been privileged to serve companies that use the airport in their day-to-day business. Two of these companies, Wilson Construction and Columbia Helicopters, add over \$1million to our gross sales each year. We understand their needs for a longer runway, and know they have choices as to where to headquarter their businesses. Our greatest concern is that should this runway not be lengthened, as was originally part of the Master plan back in 1976, then again reaffirmed in 2013, these businesses may choose to go elsewhere. They need to make choices that make sense financially-and practically. It does not make sense for a plane to have to take off, land in Hillsboro to take on more fuel, so it can fly non-stop to job sites across the country. Yet I understand that this is what they are doing - they cannot be completely full of fuel (and people/luggage) and safely take off from the existing runway.*

*Both of these companies (an others at the airport) support the local business communities in a significant way – hotels and restaurants in town consistently have their company vehicles parked outside, gas stations, real estate companies, grocery stores, and of course auto parts stores (to name just a few) all have benefited from their business. Contributing to the local economy has been important to them. I think it is important to stand up with them to request that this be passed.*

*While our main offices are in Wilsonville, our home for the last fourteen years is also near the Aurora State Airport in Charbonneau. We understand that there are people who are opposed due to the fear of additional noise that would come with larger corporate jets, and more flights taking off and landing per year. I would like to note that the noise from all of the landscape equipment and golf course maintenance equipment is not only louder than the noise from jet take offs, it also lasts much longer. Yet these same people do not mind that noise. I also understand that existing farmland will not be taken out of production to accomplish this runway extension, though this is another tactic being used by those opposed to it.*

*It would benefit not only our business, but the communities in the surrounding area, to bring the Aurora Airport up to the standard that was planned for, and is required for, safe and practical business aviation.*

*Respectfully,*

*Gail Wilson*

