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

Request to support HB 4092

Dear Chair McLain and distinguished Members of the House Transportation Policy Committee,

I am writing this letter on behalf of FLIR Systems, Inc. a Wilsonville based High Tech manufacturing company which has its corporate headquarters here in Wilsonville.

We currently employ over 200 local citizens and manufacture high quality airborne Infrared Imaging systems in Wilsonville. These gimbals are used world wide and assist many different organizations in protecting people's lives and their livelihoods.

A critical component of our ability to successfully accomplish this are the two PC-12 aircraft that we operate out of the Aurora State Airport. These two aircraft operate over 900 flight hours annually and we average 26 individual flights from this airport each month. This amount of flight activity requires the support of numerous local operations including Lynx FBO, Keystone Aviation and many other local businesses.

Of utmost importance to us, is the ability to safely operate our aircraft, even during the challenging weather conditions that we experience here in the Pacific Northwest. There is no doubt that an additional 1000 feet of runway will contribute significantly to our safe operations. Last year alone we were forced to divert to other airports on numerous occasions because the runway length was insufficient during winter flight operations. The additional 1000 feet would allow us to safely land here even during the most challenging conditions.

If you have any questions on our flight operations, please feel free to contact me directly at (503) 593-2727.

Sincerely,

Gregory J. Lund
Chief Pilot
FLIR Systems