Chair Wagner, Vice Chair Knopp and Committee Member,

My name is Steve Nagy and I have been nominated by Governor Brown for a position on the State Aviation Board. Prior to next week's Senate Rules Committee confirmation hearing, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to appear before your committee and to provide some additional background information about myself.

I am a graduate of the United States Naval Academy, a former Naval Aviator and an airport executive with over 26 years of airport management experience in Oregon. In my current role as the Director of Airport Operations for the Port of Portland, I oversee the operations of the Port's three airports: PDX, Hillsboro Airport and Troutdale Airport. I have a broad background in both commercial service airports, (PDX), and general aviation airports, (Hillsboro and Troutdale). In my many roles with the Port, I have had the opportunity to partner with the leadership and staff of the Oregon Department of Aviation on multiple issues for the betterment of aviation in Oregon.

The aviation industry faces many challenges, the greatest of which is likely the future of its workforce and the development of the next generation of aviation professionals. At the Port, we have partnered with other agencies and private industry to develop classroom-to-workforce CTE programs that are reaching out to women and minorities to provide educational pathways to well paying aviation careers. If confirmed to the State Aviation Board, I will bring this knowledge and experience to help guide the Department of Aviation as it also assists the aviation industries in Oregon with education and workforce development issues.

On a personal note, my wife and I have been long time residents of inner southeast Portland and are residents of Senator Taylor's district. I look forward to my appearance before your committee next week and answering any questions that you may have for me.

Sincerely,

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