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February 2, 2018

Colorado General Assembly  
Attn: Colorado Business Affairs and Labor Committee  
200 E Colfax Avenue  
Denver, CO 80203

RE: Legislation to Amend Aircraft Sales and Use Tax Exemption in Colorado

Dear Representatives of the Business Affairs and Labor Committee,

On behalf of the Northern Colorado Regional Airport and the Cities of Fort Collins and Loveland, I am sending this letter in support of the new legislation recommended by Colorado Aviation Business Association (CABA) to amend aircraft sales and use tax exemptions in our state. Based on the 2013 CDOT Economic Impact Study the Northern Colorado Regional Airport generates \$129.4 million in positive economic impact for the region including the support of 826 jobs and \$24.8 million in payroll.

This proposed legislation could help increase the ability for on-demand charter operators willing to base their aircraft at Colorado airports by leveling the competitive advantages that other states already have that are competing for this business. The benefits of this proposed tax exemption outweigh any negative implications through increased economic impacts, primary job creation, and market stimulation. We hope the Committee favorably considers this legislation to help improve Colorado's competitive edge in aviation.

Sincerely,

Jason R. Licon,  
Airport Director