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The Honorable Tracy Kraft-Tharp  
Colorado General Assembly  
Chair, House Business Affairs and Labor Committee  
200 E. Colfax Avenue  
Denver, CO 80203

Reference: HB 18-1083

Dear Representative Kraft-Tharp,

The Arapahoe County Public Airport Authority Board of Commissioners, owners and operators of Centennial Airport, the second busiest general aviation airport and one of the busiest business airports in the US strongly supports HB18-1083.

HB18-1083 establishes the same tax exemptions currently enjoyed by commercial airlines and will greatly spur additional growth in the on-demand charter business by adding new jobs and expanded opportunities for air-taxi and charter operators.

The bill has a small fiscal note attached to it that will be more than offset by the new jobs it creates, additional aircraft being brought to the state that buy fuel and pay excise taxes that are pumped back into the state for infrastructure development, as well as add intrastate and interstate services and commerce. In addition, HB18-1083 will make Colorado more competitive with other states where such exemptions already exist while improving options for the traveling public.

Thank you for introducing this important bill along with Sen. Jack Tate who represents Centennial Airport, and to all the other sponsors and supporters for protecting and expanding air transportation in Colorado.

Respectfully Yours,

Robert Olislagers  
CEO