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Please enter attached letter to public comments regarding Aurora Airport runway extension.

Thank you,

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Dear City of Wilsonville,

Thank you for your attention to the planned 1000 foot runway extension and improvement of the Aurora Airport. I hope that the Mayor and the City Council are serious about evaluating the facts and will offer constructive comment on the proposal.

I am writing in support of lengthening the runway which is consistent with the long-standing plans for the airport.

It's important to recognize that Aurora Airport serves the entire Portland metropolitan area. Pilots, businesses, and employees from all over the metro area rely on it. My business, based in Lake Oswego, uses the airport. I am a pilot and we have a small aircraft based there which we use extensively in our business. Other pilots and aircraft owners that I have met at the airport come from surrounding metro areas precisely because Hillsboro and PDX are not viable options. The businesses on/adjacent to airport property are an important element to enterprise stability for Wilsonville. **The airport is a key support element for these businesses.**

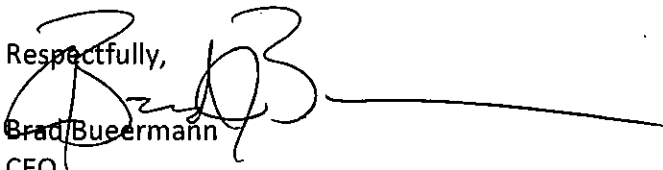
As the Metro area has grown, it has placed greater demands on the airport, just as growth has placed greater demands on I-5. Since it's unlikely that population growth will decrease, it is extremely important to manage that growth in a way that meets the needs of our community while at the same time making the airport safer for those using it and for those living nearby.

Lengthening the runway at Aurora Airport makes it safer. A longer runway creates greater margins of safety. As an additional benefit the airport could become quieter for the surrounding community as aircraft can gain altitude much more quickly and are higher on their departure route sooner.

The aircraft traffic at Aurora Airport will continue to grow as the Portland area grows. Opposition to the runway extension will not slow that growth, it will only make it less safe for those using the airport now and in the future.

I urge the City Council and the Mayor to carefully weigh all the facts in forming their opinion.

Respectfully,


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