

Mayor Tim Knapp & Wilsonville City Council
City of Wilsonville, Oregon
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PLEASE SUPPORT THE AURORA AIRPORT RUNWAY EXTENSION!

Honorable Mayor Tim Knapp and the Wilsonville City Council,

I have worked for the aviation department of Wilson Construction based out of the Aurora State Airport since August of 2010. During this time my many out of state coworkers and I stayed in Wilsonville hotels, ate meals in Wilsonville restaurants and spent most of our leisure time taking advantage of the many things to do in Wilsonville. The airport continues through our company and many other companies based at the airport to bring in out of state money to the Wilsonville economy.

My wife and I purchased our home in the Villebois community of Wilsonville 15 months ago because of its close location to the Aurora State Airport. I have worked out of airports in 49 different states and I can tell you first hand the Aurora State Airport is well managed, safe and a valuable asset to every neighboring community not only as an economic driver for the local economies but as a potential staging area for disaster response. During my career as a trained first responder for emergency power restoration I quickly learned the critical importance of the local airports and their role bringing in outside help and aide. It was the local airports that provided staging areas for trucks and materials for out of state contractors utilized in electrical power restoration operations. I personally participated in the distribution of emergency relief supplies like water, food, clothes and medical supplies that were flown in to airports in disasters like Hurricane Katrina, Rita, Andrew, George and many others. I can tell you it was the communities closest to the airports that benefited the most.

Please do not pass on this opportunity to support and improve the capability of the Aurora State Airport. The FAA grant application would bring in federal funding for the vast majority of the cost of this extension. I am concerned that misleading information in opposition of the extension will cost the people who call Wilsonville their home an enormous benefit to our community. The truth in how our government makes decisions has never been more important than now and the truth is the airport extension is good for Wilsonville.

It is extremely important to myself, my family and my work that you support the proposed runway extension and insure this airport remains fully capable and safe for all aircraft operations.

Thank you in advance for your support!

Sincerely,



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