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Mayor Tim Knapp Wilsonville City Council 29799 SW Town Center Loop E Wilsonville, OR 97070

## **Improving the Aurora State Airport**

Mayor Knapp and Councilors,

I live in Wilsonville at 31197 SW Metolius Ct, and work at Johnson Controls in Canby. The airport's runway being extended is important to me and many others in my community.

Extending the runway will improve safety, giving pilots more room to react in the case of emergency or poor weather conditions. I believe that a 6,000 ' runway is a critical safety improvement, especially as business's and surrounding communities continue to grow.

The airport is an economic engine for the City of Wilsonville. For us that work at Aurora, the airport is a key factor in the success of our companies. These companies provide us with family wage paying jobs. We bring our paychecks home to Wilsonville where we live, shop, play and pay taxes.

Improving the runway has an added benefit of preparing for natural disasters as we've had in the past, like floods and wind storms. It will also help prepare for future potential disasters like earthquakes. The airport will be needed to help save lives and support surrounding communities recover from a disaster.

I live in Wilsopville and I support the extension of the Aurora Airport runway.

Sincerely

Josue Daniel Mancilla Salvo / Wilsonville Resident