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Please see attached in regards to the upcoming hearing for the Aurora Airport runway extension. Thank you.

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Dear City of Wilsonville,

Thank you for taking the time to look into the planned 1000 foot runway lengthening improvement at the Aurora Airport.

We wish to submit our strong support for this runway lengthening and for the substantial increase in safety it will provide to the aircraft operating off the Aurora Airport and to the surrounding areas.

The traffic volume at the Aurora Airport and the demand for the use of the Airport will continue to rise regardless of any runway extension. This is a natural outgrowth of a growing economy and population in and around the Portland Metro. The Airport's strategic location next to the Portland Metro along with its ease of access and lower costs for users will continue to attract more and more Airport businesses and users as expansion outward from Portland continues. The extension of the runway is not determinative of, nor a direct correlation, to that simple fact. However, extending the runway will ensure that the Airport has the proper safety infrastructure in place to accommodate the type and volume of traffic it is experiencing and will experience in the future.

Lastly, it should be noted that the extension of the runway shall not result in the introduction of larger, heavier aircraft, such as airliners, as the extension does not result in any increased weight capacity for the runway.

Thank you.

Mark Pilon  
General Manager