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Subject: Testimony for November 27 public hearing
Attachments: Wilsonville Mayor and Council 11-21-18.pdf

Please accept this letter as my testimony for public hearing on November 27th.

Thanks,

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Mayor Tim Knapp
Wilsonville City Council
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RE: Aurora Airport impact on Wilsonville's economics

Mayor and City Councilors,

I have been working on the Aurora Airport since Oct 2005 after a ten year career at the Evergreen Aviation Museum. I began with my own business restoring vintage aircraft but as 2007 approached, there was a downturn in this industry. Then I became employed with a company whose primary purpose was to sell brand new aircraft built by Socata and Piper. Over the course of six years we grew the company to ten employees servicing 36 aircraft for their yearly inspections plus repairs. In 2013 I left employment and revamped my company to focus on corporate jet aircraft that operate at Aurora. Our clientele has now become a fleet of 10 aircraft. We have grown to six employees, proudly offer healthcare and above standard wages. A majority of our work is performing the inspections mandated by the aircraft manufacturer, but it also includes interior reconditioning, tire changes, polishing the exterior paint, cleaning in between flights, and we restock the planes with snacks and refreshments.

Wilsonville is a vital community to support us. Aurora and Canby are as well. Our local purchasing expenditures are close to \$18,000 a year, 2/3 of that is in Wilsonville. I personally have eaten at every single restaurant in Wilsonville and often take employees or industry sales people to lunch, almost daily. To list the restaurants we frequent would simply be a copy of the phonebook. We utilize dozens of retail stores in Wilsonville including Fred Meyer store and gas, Ace Hardware, Wilsonville Lock, NAPA auto parts, Safeway, Costco, Office Max, Pier 1 Imports, O'Reilly auto parts, Camping World, Walgreens, Wilsonville Jeep/RAM, Rite Aid, Wells Fargo, Bank of America, Subaru, Fry's Electronics, Post Office, Wilsonville Liquor, Target, and Dollar Tree to name the most common.

I would like to ask for your support in improving the Aurora Airport by way of extending the runway. Our success is dependent on the owners having chosen to base their aircraft in Aurora for proximity to their successful business or homes. Our continued success is dependent on the airport continuing to be safe and attractive to the owners of our aircraft. As the aviation community has changed in its types of aircraft, so does the airport need to improve in response to the owners interest or need of these modern type of aircraft.

Thank you for taking time to read my letter.

Michael E Wright

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael E Wright', written over a white background.