

November 27, 2018

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

Re: Improving Aurora State Airport

Mayor Knapp and Councilors,

I am proud to call Wilsonville my home and the Aurora State Airport runway extension is important to me and many others.

Extending the runway will improve safety, giving pilots more room to react in the case of emergency or poor weather conditions. Safe operations of aircraft in and out of Aurora State Airport are something I care deeply about. A 6,000' runway is a critical safety improvement.

The airport is an economic engine for the City of Wilsonville and the surrounding area. For those of us that either work at Aurora or are associated with operations there, the airport is a key factor in the success of many local and regional companies. These companies, and the citizens they employ, in turn support the many restaurants, hotels, shopping centers etc. located in the City of Wilsonville.

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 support the extension of the Aurora Airport runway and encourage The Wilsonville City Council to do the same

Sincerely,

Bonnie Knutson
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