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**Testimony in support of SB 264 AN ACT EXEMPTING CERTAIN DEVELOPMENT
AT STATE-OWNED AIRPORTS FROM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS**

Chairman Meyer, Chairman Roy, and members of the Environment Committee, I wish to offer my strong support for SB 264. This proposal would exempt certain privately funded development at state-owned airports from environmental impact studies. These studies are quite costly and time consuming, and so they are counter-productive to much needed economic development.

Construction is set to begin on a 33 million dollar hangar project at the Waterbury-Oxford Airport. This vital project will create over 200 construction jobs and create over 300 new aviation positions within three years. Passage of this legislation will help make this project a reality.

I would submit that a CEPA study for such a project is simply not necessary. CEPA land use policies have little relevance to facilities which are already dedicated to the growth of aviation services on airports, that have already received FAA subsidies. My primary concern is that the loss of more time will be harmful to this development, so I urge passage of this proposal on behalf of the people of Oxford.

Thank you for your consideration.

David K. Labriola,
State Representative