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All Legislators:

I am taking this opportunity to write all the legislators in the State of Connecticut in regards to the upcoming proposed legislation to tax all small aircrafts both property tax as well as parts and aviation supplies. It is my understanding that the proposed tax will involve planes that weigh less than 6,000 lbs. At the present time I am a small plane owner who uses the airplane for personal as well as business opportunities. There is no question that adding additional taxation to the plane will significantly affect my ability to continue flying as well as keeping my plane here in the State of Connecticut. At the present time I use over 5,000 gallons of fuel per year and keep the plane based in Connecticut paying registration fees. If in fact this proposed tax was to go into affect it would have devastating consequences to the economy in the State of Connecticut. Fuel usage would be diminished significantly by those people who can no longer fly or move their planes to states where there is no property tax. The existing fixed based operators and repair shops within the State of Connecticut will see a significant decrease in the utility and more than likely have a significant affect on their business and employees.

I would also suspect that the lack of flying within this State would have a considerable negative affect on the amount of revenue that is presently being received and certainly could not be off set by the proposed property tax. I would strongly advise the Legislator to not go forward with any taxation of small airplanes and be short sighted in the negative affect this is going to have on numerous industries with in the State of Connecticut.

All of us can certainly recognize the significant negative tax situation here in the State. However, this will further diminish revenue and certainly have an adverse affect not meeting any of the fiscal goals that the State might think would be anticipated.

Please feel free to contact me if you need any further information on this issue.

Sincerely,

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