



Dear Senator Roberts:

I am writing regarding the Administration's FAA Funding Proposal.

As a small business owner operator, pilot, and supplier of Aviation materials, I am (along with most of the General Aviation Community) radically opposed to this proposal / bill.

Small planes often fly into airports without air traffic control towers, so we know that the heavy costs of our air traffic system exist precisely because of the massive hub-and-spoke system that the airlines require. Equally disturbing is that the FAA plan cuts by \$600 million the airlines contribution to funding for air traffic control modernization.

Airlines are threatened by G.A. As they should be. General Aviation travel is safer, more efficient, and more productive for small businesses. Commercial Airline operations are terrible. Their customer service is deplorable, and their leaders pretty much just run terrible organizations. But is engaging Congress and battling for an unfounded windfall by redesigning the FAA Funding plan the way for them to compete? How about just simply offering better service?

The tax hike will also have a very adverse impact on businesses, small aircraft manufacturers, and small towns dependent on the general aviation industry - businesses and small towns overlooked by the large air-transport operations. Thousands of smaller communities nationwide are untouched by commercial aviation, and the community airports that serve them are critical to our security, our mobility during national emergencies, and to our local economies.

Rather than trying to pass the buck onto small businesses and small towns, we should all be working together to ensure full funding for the FAA and that we modernize our air traffic control system for everyone's benefit. I urge you to stand up to this latest tax break and power-grab by the big commercial airlines and help protect our small businesses and communities around our nation.

As a representative of this Nation, it is your duty to protect and allocate all interests. This company, and its employees, encourage you to take the high road and see this as what it really is. The Airlines are faltering (really? Again?), and they are grasping for straws. If you see it another way ... please, would you educate us ... The General Aviation community.

Thank you for your consideration to this matter. We urge you to VOTE NO!

Regards,

Kevin Stultz
President