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Senate Committee – Economic Development, Job Creation and Housing (SC–EDJCH)

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Senate Committee on Economic Development, Job Creation and Housing

Paper Ballot: Senator Moore

Deadline: Tomorrow, 2-24-04, 1:00 pm

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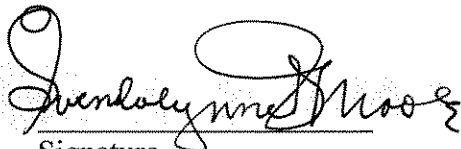
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Introduction and adoption of Amendment 1 to SB 444:

YES NO

Senator Stepp moves passage as amended.

YES NO


Signature

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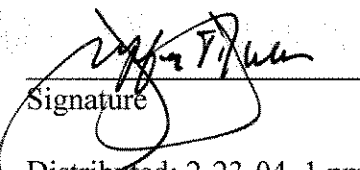
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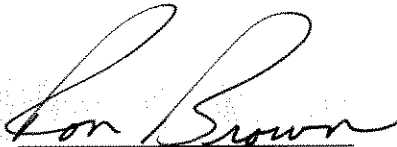
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YES NO

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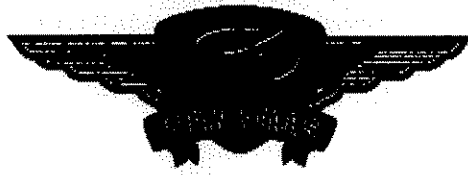
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SB 444

February 17, 2003

Senator Cathy Stepp
P. O. Box 782
Madison, WI 53707

RE: Economic Development, Job Creation and Housing Committee

Dear Senator Stepp:

The Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA), based in Oshkosh, is an international membership organization with 170,000 members in 106 countries, including more than 12,000 aviation enthusiasts in Wisconsin. EAA operates its worldwide activities from its headquarters adjacent to Wittman Regional Airport in Oshkosh, which is also home to the annual EAA AirVenture fly-in. That renowned event draws an annual attendance of 750,000 and supplies a statewide economic impact of more than \$80 million. In addition, EAA is dedicated to opening access to aviation for people who wish to realize their own dreams of flight.

EAA supports the proposed Bill to establish Airport Development Zones (ADZ). The proposed Bill provides benefits to Wisconsin communities, both big and small, which have an airport. EAA is aware that many will support this Bill because of its possible effect on commercial airline service in Wisconsin. EAA would like to draw your attention to the benefits this Bill could have on non-airline service airports.

Airports nationwide are often an underutilized benefit to the local communities in which they are located. Like major interstate highways, a runway can provide an important base for business in a community. EAA supports the development of airport property for aviation-based activities. The proposed legislation will have a positive effect even at non-air carrier airports just as it will on airports with air carriers. EAA believes that this proposed legislation could be a key factor in ensuring the future success of Wisconsin airports and the communities they serve.

However, EAA has observed other states where aviation related development, such as additional aircraft storage hangars, has been prevented and land not directly related to the airport was used because a greater return could be obtained with a lease. To prevent such limits on undisputed aviation related development and/or to prevent the use of airport land for non-aviation uses, EAA asks the Committee to consider a revision to this proposed legislation which would included the State Bureau of Aeronautics in the review process of the proposal to establishment an Airport Development Zone.

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Also, EAA suggests that the committee consider the establishment of guidelines for what is or is not compatible land use on an airport.

A review of development and establishment of compatible use guidelines has been addressed in other states such as Oregon and Washington. The Oregon Department of Aviation provides an "Airport Land Use Compatibility Guidebook" on their web site at www.aviation.state.or.us. EAA encourages the Committee to provide some type of compatible land use review by the Wisconsin Bureau of Aeronautics in this proposed legislation.

EAA appreciates the opportunity to address this issue with the Committee. We are available, if you wish, to assist the Committee in obtaining more information about the experience of similar legislation in other states.

Sincerely,
EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION



Earl Lawrence
Vice President
Industry & Regulatory Affairs



OSHKOSH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

ADVOCACY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT LEADERSHIP

February 18, 2004

Committee on Economic Development and Job Creation
State Capitol
P. O. Box 8953
Madison, WI 53708

RE: Senate Bill 444

Dear Committee Members:

On behalf of the Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce, I would like to provide the following comment relative the SB 444. The Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce is a business association that represents over 1100 business members in the Oshkosh area from the industrial, service, and retail sectors of the economy.

The Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce fully supports this proposed legislation to created Airport Development Zones. In this challenging and competitive business environment, the most important thing that government can do to promote economic growth is to create the fertile atmosphere for private-sector activity and investment. SB 444 will cause this to occur. It creates the conditions for government to spur development and enables government, both state and local, to realize a return on the investment it has made in infrastructure, such as runways.

Communities are beginning to realize the value of airports. Traditionally, the general public thinks of airports as facilities to service commercial air traffic and the air-traveling public, along with supporting general aviation. While this remains to be an important role of airports, communities are recognizing airports as valuable pieces of infrastructure as a means to generate jobs and tax base. Airports, in essence, are business parks and need to be promoted and marketed as such. Airport Development Zones will be additional tool to spur economic growth and be a catalyst to assist our community as we try to attract aviation-related business and industry to Oshkosh.

In Oshkosh, we have been extremely fortunate and have Wittman Regional Airport to attract businesses, like the Experimental Aircraft Association and Basler Turbo Conversions. Currently, businesses on the Wittman Regional Airport employ 505 (FTE) people. This accounts for \$31.6 million dollars in annual wages and non-wage income, a

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38% increase since 1998. These businesses, in 2002, directly generated \$799,000 of real estate and personal property taxes that support municipal and county government, along with our local public school district. This represents a 24% increase since 1998.

The airport development zone program will be an extremely valuable economic development tool for communities. The tax credits that will be provided will provide incentives for business to create and retain jobs. We ask for your support of SB 444.

I ask that this comment be included as testimony. I thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



John A. Casper
President/CEO

Senator Moore
will not be
attending the
hearing. Can
we leave the
roll open for
a vote?

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Senator Cathy Stepp
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Committee on Economic Development, Job Creation and Housing
State Capitol
Madison, WI 53707

Dear Senator Stepp:

In 2003, we celebrated the first 100 years of flight. Look how far we have come since Orville and Wilber Wright made that first flight. Today you can send packages overnight to just about anywhere, salespeople fly directly to destinations to buy and sell products and many of those products are manufactured at business located on or near airports, creating jobs, income and tax dollars. Ladies and Gentlemen, the problem we face in the Aviation Community is the general-publics common perception that airports only revolve around commercial air service. Today's airports are more then just people movers; they are Industrial Parks with runways.

Consider Wittman Airport in Winnebago County for example. Total number of jobs directly related to the airport 505, Tax dollars in Wage and Non-Wage Income equals \$32 million. Additionally, \$800,000 in direct tax revenue and \$600,000 in lease payments to Winnebago County. When applying the multiplier effect to those numbers the additional jobs supported in the community equals 220, \$9.2 million in Income and \$990,000 in taxes generated. The total Economic Impact to Winnebago County equals 727 jobs, \$29.6 million in Income and \$1.8 million in Taxes and other Government Revenue. That is why the Winnebago County Aviation Committee, the UW Extension and the Oshkosh Chamber Aviation Committee updated the 1998 Economic Impact Study. The study showed in today's dollars the importance of Wittman Airport not just in flying planes but in jobs, tax dollars and revenue to Winnebago County.

Airports generally lie within many different municipalities and/or jurisdictions that make it difficult in recruiting new businesses and helping existing ones expand. Senate Bill 444 would allow the governing bodies of Wisconsin's airports to do just as cities, towns and villages do in encouraging business to grow and locate within their borders. Airports such as Wittman Airport could then market and compete on the

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same playing field as airports outside of Wisconsin do, which is offering incentives and marketing the airport as an Industrial Park with a runway.

I ask for your support of Senate Bill 444, allowing airports to be that Industrial Park that just happens to have a runway in its backyard.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark C. Nielsen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mark" being more prominent and the last name "Nielsen" following in a similar style.

Mark C. Nielsen
Chairman Aviation Committee
Winnebago County Board
Supervisor District 22