

February 6, 2018

Representative Susan McLain Chari, Transportation Policy Committee 900 Court Street NE, H477 Salem, OR 97301

Re: HB 4092 Support

Dear Chair McLain and Members of the House Transportation Policy Committee,

Centrex Construction relies on the Aurora Airport to both sustain our current business but also to attract future clients and support future growth of our company. Our company uses this vital airport as a strategic and competitive edge to best serve clients along the entire West Coast.

Centrex has been Oregon based for over 40 years and have elected to call the Aurora Airport our home base of operations because of its convenience, ease of access and strategic location along the I-5 corridor. The positive change that would come from HB 4092 would support growth efforts at Centrex by allowing a safer and more efficient airport to operate our flight department from.

Centrex fully recognizes the significant economic impact that the Aurora Airport has for not only our company, but the entire South Metropolitan region. Economic studies have shown that the cities of Wilsonville, Canby and Aurora benefit from the numerous employees that are employed by businesses either located on this airport or nearby. The Aurora Airport also brings in business travelers from out of state that only add to the economic health of our region by staying in local hotels, eating at local restaurants and patronize our businesses.

A safe and economically healthy Aurora Airport supports my business as well as many, many other businesses throughout the region.

Thank you for your consideration and support of this vital legislation, HB 4092.

Sincerely,

James A. Severson, Jr. President, Centrex Construction