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**Joint Committee On Transportation
Oregon State Legislature
900 Court St. NE
Salem Oregon 97301**

Chairs Gorsek & McLain, and Members of the Joint Committee on Transportation,

I am writing on behalf of Allegiant Air, one of America's leading low fare airlines, to express our strong opposition to House Bill 2153, which proposes to raise the jet fuel tax by three cents per gallon and subsequently increase it biennially based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

Allegiant's unique business model focuses on providing direct air travel options from small and mid-size markets to world class vacation destinations at fares that make it possible for individuals to fly who otherwise might not be able to afford it. The proposed increase in jet fuel tax would significantly impact our operating costs, potentially leading to higher fares and reduced service availability. This would disproportionately affect low-income travelers and limit their access to air travel.

Our presence in Oregon is growing, and we are committed to serving the communities at the following airports:

- **Portland International Airport (PDX):** We currently offer 10 routes, flying 108,003 passengers at an average fare of \$60 in 2024.
- **Eugene Airport (EUG):** We currently offer 3 routes, flying 99,991 passengers at an average fare of \$62 in 2024.
- **Rogue Valley International-Medford Airport (MFR):** We currently offer 3 routes, flying 87,990 passengers at an average fare of \$54 in 2024.

These statistics highlight our contribution to Oregon's economy and the accessibility of air travel for Oregon residents and visitors to the state. Increasing the jet fuel tax would undermine our ability to continue offering low fares and extensive route options, ultimately harming the very communities we aim to serve.

We urge the committee to consider the adverse effects this bill would have on low-fare airlines and the broader implications for air travel accessibility in Oregon. We respectfully request that House Bill 2153 be reconsidered to avoid placing undue financial burdens on airlines that are dedicated to providing affordable travel options.



Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to working with the committee to find solutions that support both the state's aviation needs and the interests of its residents and visitors.

Sincerely,

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