

The City of
Springfield
Ohio

Office of the City Manager

June 11, 2019

Ohio Senate Finance Committee
The Ohio Statehouse
1 Capital Square
Columbus, OH 43215

Re: Written Testimony in Support of the Ohio Aviation Association's amendments to
H.B. 166

Dear Members of the Ohio Senate Finance Committee,

I am writing in support of the three amendments the Ohio Aviation Association has placed before your Committee; 1) Increased funding to the Ohio Airport Grant Program from \$5.9 to \$16 Million, 2) the creation of an Air Service Development Grant Fund in the amount of \$15 million, and, lastly, 3) the creation of an Aviation Student Loan Program.

Each of the amendments advances the aviation infrastructure and economic development of the State of Ohio and should be supported, but I wish to share how the Ohio Airport Grant Program has specifically benefited the Springfield-Beckley Municipal Airport.

The Springfield-Beckley Airport relies upon funding through ODOT's Office of Aviation which helps leverage FAA and City dollars. The funding is in support of the city's effort to maintain the runways and taxiways that help fuel the economic impact it has on this region of Ohio. According to a study conducted by ODOT, Springfield-Beckley had a total economic impact of 1,452 jobs, \$78.5 million in payroll and contributed to an output of \$117.1 million in total gross sales.

Thank you for your consideration of these important amendments.

Sincerely,



Bryan Heck
City Manager