

# THE CAMBRIDGE AREA REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY

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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 benefitted the Cambridge Municipal Airport.

The airport has recently received grants to rehabilitate the runway and remove the localizer in the amount of 1.3 million with 10% local match monies; purchase snow removal equipment in the amount of \$208,000.00 with 10% local match monies; installed precision approach path indicator lights and runway end lights in the amount of \$350,000.00 with 10% local match monies. Currently the airport has a grant for navigation lights on the hilltops surrounding the airport in the amount of \$250,000.00 with 90% from federal funds (FAA) and 5% from state funds (ODOT-Office of Aviation) and 5% from local monies. Also currently the airport is working on land acquisition on both ends of the runway in the amount of approximately \$200,000.00 with 90% from federal funds (FAA) and 5% from state funds (ODOT-Office of Aviation) and 5% local funds. In the near future, an apron rehabilitation is planned with removal of underground fuel tanks removal stabilization in the amount \$1,696.00.

The operations of the airport is subsidized by the City of Cambridge with \$102,000.00 and Guernsey County with \$37,500.00 in 2019. Guernsey County also provided the funds of \$160,000.00 for a new jet refueler truck as well as the local match monies above.

Without the State's funding, we would not be able to safely and effectively serve our community and the transient traffic that comes to do business here.

Thank you for your consideration of these important amendments.

Sincerely,

The Cambridge Area Regional Airport Authority

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President