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Chairman Kirk Schuring
Senate Building
1 Capitol Square
2nd Floor
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Senator Schuring,

As owner/operator of Covelli Enterprises, I am writing in support of the State Air Service Development Fund and believe this amendment to the state budget would be very beneficial to our local economy and airport sustainability.

These Air Service Development Funds will be used to help attract and promote air service for the Youngstown-Warren (YNG) Regional Airport. As a Port Authority Board member overseeing operations at the airport, I have seen firsthand the value for such a fund. Smaller commercial carriers servicing mid-sized markets have been skeptically looking into our airport for possible new service. It is critical to YNG to maintain its Commercial Air designation that allows us to utilize valuable federal dollars to maintain the airport. YNG, of course, is the home to the Youngstown Air Reserve Station (YARS) and its over 1,500 employees. This is high priority for our business, and the entire business community of the Mahoning Valley. We would greatly appreciate your support on this effort

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (330) 856-3176.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Sam Covelli'.

CC Vice Chairman Scherer
Vice Chair Rulli
Ranking Member O'Brien