



May 10, 2023

State of Nevada Senate  
Senate Government Affairs Committee  
Senator Edgar Flores, Chair  
401 S. Carson St.  
Carson City, NV 89701

RE: Senate Bill No. 19

Dear Senator Edgar Flores,

On behalf of the Nevada Aviation Association (NvAA) Board of Directors, I am expressing our support for Senate Bill 19. I want to share with you the importance of aviation to our community and the statewide economy. NvAA is an aviation industry advocate for maintaining and improving the statewide airport system and aeronautical operators across the Silver State. In March 2022, the Nevada Department of Transportation released a study titled [The Nevada Airport and Heliport System Plan \(NAHSP\) NAHSP Executive Summary](#). This \$465,000 study included an economic impact study. Nevada aviation supports over 285,000 jobs generating \$12.1B in labor income and generating \$40B in additional economic output. The study did not calculate the impacts on military aviation and aeronautical activity not associated with an airport (i.e., aviation manufacturing and UAV activity off-airport.) The economic impact of Nellis Air Force Base and Fallon Naval Air Station adds another \$7B to the total impact of aviation on the state's economy. \$47B in economic impact is only second to gaming in terms of jobs and revenue to the economy. Imagine gaming in Nevada without aviation.

Airports are vital to the Nevada transportation network. Airports improve transportation options by reducing travel times, improving travel flexibility and scheduling, improving employee safety and security, enhancing the delivery of time-sensitive equipment, facilitating multiple-stop itineraries in a single day.

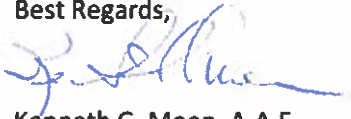
The last major airport constructed in the United States was the Denver International Airport which was completed in February 1995 at the cost \$4.8B. A new supplemental airport in southern Nevada will be the single largest public works project in the state's history and is needed to ensure that Las Vegas will remain one of the top national and international destinations on the planet by supporting, tourism and commerce now and into the future.

A mile of the road will take you one mile. A mile of runway will take you anywhere in the world. A new commercial service airport in Clark County will generate increased economic activity, connect

communities, maintain, and improve infrastructure, create jobs, and improve the state's transportation network.

For these reasons, the NvAA Board of Directors urges you to pass SB19 to ensure aviation remains available now and sustainable into the future.

Best Regards,



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