

February 16, 2012

SAY NO TO AVIATION USER FEES
Sign Letter Opposing New Fees

Dear Colleague:

As the Chairman and Ranking Democratic Member of the House Aviation Subcommittee and the Co-Chairs of the General Aviation Caucus, we invite you to join us in sending a letter to President Obama expressing opposition to the proposal in the President's fiscal year 2013 budget to impose a \$100 per flight fee on commercial and general aviation.

This fee would have a devastating impact on commercial and general aviation, as well as the aviation manufacturing industry. The House has rejected fee proposals in the past. Aviation contributes more than \$1.2 trillion to our economy each year and provides 11 million jobs. During these challenging economic times, the industry should not be saddled with more than \$1 billion in new costs each year. This would have a detrimental effect on the competitiveness and future of commercial and general aviation.

If you would like to sign on to the letter (see below), or have any questions, please contact Debbie Gebhardt in Rep. Petri's office (Debbie.Gebhardt@mail.house.gov) or Sarah Blackwood in Rep. Costello's office (Sarah.Blackwood@mail.house.gov) by **Wednesday, February 29**.

Sincerely,

/s/
Thomas E. Petri
Chairman
Subcommittee on Aviation

/s/
Jerry F. Costello
Ranking Democratic Member
Subcommittee on Aviation

/s/
Sam Graves
Co-Chair
General Aviation Caucus

/s/
John Barrow
Co-Chair
General Aviation Caucus

The Honorable Barack H. Obama
President of the United States of America
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Obama:

We are writing to express our strong opposition to the proposed \$100 per flight fee on commercial and general aviation in your fiscal year 2013 budget proposal.

Aviation user fees have been proposed several times by different Administrations, both Republican and Democrat. Congress has repeatedly and overwhelmingly rejected them.

Commercial and general aviation, including aviation manufacturing, are vital industries in our nation, providing millions of jobs and making important contributions to our economy. We should work together to support policies that encourage job growth and strengthen U.S. economic activity. Imposing a \$100 per flight fee on commercial and general aviation is the wrong approach, and we respectfully request that you abandon this idea once and for all.

We appreciate your consideration of our strong concerns.

Sincerely,