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Anyeley Hallova, Chair
Land Conservation and Development Commission
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Dear Chair Hallova and members of the Commission:

In the fall of 2021 former DLCD Director Jim Rue agreed to undertake rulemaking related to a Court of Appeals decision related to the Aurora State Airport. In an October 4, 2021 email, Director Rue stated "We have been firming up our policy schedule which will go the LDCD for their approval at our November meeting. Your issue still has a tentative place on the agenda for the end of the 21-23 biennium."

On August 17, 2022, Oregon Department of Aviation Director Stansbury met with DLCD's new Director Bateman, to confirm that she would honor former Director Rue's commitment. In a subsequent meeting on October 18th, 2022, Director Bateman informed ODAV Director Stansbury that DLCD would not be doing rulemaking on this issue due to staff workload and that the issue "was too controversial".

As a small state agency with a staff of 15, ODAV understand workload limitations. As the owner/operator of the Aurora State Airport, ODAV certainly understands the controversial nature of almost anything related to the Aurora Airport. Regardless though, DLCD is the State's primary agency for implementing land use policies and, as such, it is the Oregon State Aviation Board's express desire that DLCD fulfill its role and initiate rule-making to clarify the land use policies put in question by the Appeals Court's ruling.

Sincerely,

Martha Meeker, Chair
Cathryn Stephens, Vice Chair
Tom Krueger, member
Sarah Lucas, member
Steve Nagy, member
Mike Oliver, member
Kenji Sugahara, member

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