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To: [Oregon Department of Aviation](#)
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To the Oregon Department of Aviation Board,

My name is Jeremy Parks. I live in Pacific City, Oregon. I am a licensed private pilot and have worked in aviation for the past twenty years. I am writing as a resident and airport volunteer.

I am fairly new to Pacific City, so I want to be honest that I do not have the decades of history here that many of my neighbors do. What I can tell you is what I have watched happen at KPFC in my short time on this coast. I have seen the field used for patient transfers, for Coast Guard training, and for visitors flying in to spend time and money in town. For a community this size, on this stretch of coast, that is a lot of value coming out of one small airport.

I understand the department is facing a \$3 million shortfall, and I do not envy the Board and the decisions in front of you, but I would ask you to weigh what redirecting the SOAR funds actually costs. In April the Board voted unanimously to commit more than \$1.5 million to KPFC for drainage repair, apron expansion, and a road allowing emergency vehicle access. Those are not cosmetic projects. The drainage problem will keep getting worse and more expensive the longer it sits, and emergency access is exactly the kind of thing nobody misses until the day they need it. Deferring that work does not make the cost go away. It moves it to a future budget and adds interest in the form of further deterioration.

I would also ask the Board to be cautious about the idea of selling KPFC to remove it from state ownership. Once a public-use airport goes into private hands, it very rarely comes back. The medevac flights, the Coast Guard training, the emergency capacity in a coastal community that can lose road access in a bad storm, all of that depends on the field staying open and staying public.

My request is straightforward. Please keep the SOAR funds committed to KPFC for their intended purpose, and please keep Pacific City State Airport in Oregon state ownership.

Thank you for your time and for your service on the Board.

Respectfully,

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