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To: The Oregon Department of Aviation Board

Hello, my name is Roy Hansen. I am a member of the Board of Directors for the Friends of Pacific City Airport, an active commercial pilot and flight instructor, as well as a full-time resident of Pacific City, and a Lieutenant in the Nestucca Rural Fire Protection District.

It has come to my attention that the ODAV Board is planning, or seriously considering, diverting the SOAR funds that had previously been planned for Pacific City Airport, to some other projects. As you know, the funds for Pacific City Airport were planned to be used for repairs to the drainage system, as well as improvements, including an emergency access road and expanded parking area. These are much needed repairs and improvements. As a firefighter/EMT I am involved in all manner of 911 calls, in which we often utilize the airport as a landing zone for LifeFlight and Coast Guard helicopters. A dedicated emergency access road is very important to us for quickly gaining access to the runway and ramp for transferring our patients to LifeFlight, or transferring them from the Coast Guard helicopter to either LifeFlight or an ambulance. Also, in the event of a major natural disaster, such as a tsunami, the airport will serve as a critical link to the outside world, as we will most likely be isolated due to damage to the surrounding roads and bridges.

As you know, ODAV has a Memorandum of Understanding with our nonprofit Friends of Pacific City Airport organization to work together with us on airport maintenance. This MOU has been in place since 2021, and has been a win-win for both of our organizations. Please do not make decisions regarding defunding, closing, or selling the airport without conferring with the Friends of Pacific City Airport. To lose this airport would be an absolute tragedy. The airport's unique location makes it a favorite destination for many pilots who fly in and then have a very short walk to the beach, the bay/river, and local restaurants and shops. Consequently it brings a lot of revenue to our local businesses, and is a source of pride for our small community.

Thank you for your consideration of our precious airport.

Best regards,

Roy Hansen