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I am also writing to show my support for the Pacific City State Airport (PFC). The airport is a vital piece to not only the general aviation community, but also Pacific City. It is one of the few airports that provides a location for pilots and their friends/families to land and walk to town and the Oregon Coast without having to arrange ground transportation. This provides a stream of revenue for the surrounding restaurants, hotels, and other businesses. If anything, this airport should be seen as an asset and expanded upon. Not only is it useful in a recreational sense, it is also useful as a safety asset for medical and coast guard aircraft if the need were ever to arise. Please do not withdraw the SOAR funding for this amazing asset we have in our beautiful PNW. The perceived safety risk for this airport simply isn't supported by the facts. Incidents at this airport are no more regular than any other similar airport in the country. From my research there have been only 4 incidents in its 75 years of operation, which I think most people would agree is an impeccable safety record. If you still feel there is a safety threat for this airport, use the SOAR funding to fix what you think is a hazard and keep this airport in operation.

I can't tell you how much I've enjoyed spending time, shopping at the local stores and chatting with the local residents has been, but it would be a loss if this airport is no longer viable.

Thank you for the consideration

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