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Public Comment Submission – Life Flight Network - Aurora State Airport Master Plan

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Dear Director Sugahara and Members of the Oregon State Aviation Board,

On behalf of Ben Clayton, Chief Executive Officer of Life Flight Network, please find attached a public comment letter regarding the Aurora State Airport Master Plan.

We respectfully request that this letter be included in the public record and considered as part of the Board's review of the Master Plan.

Thank you,

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Oregon Department of Aviation
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RE: Request to Delay Action on the Aurora Airport Master Plan

Dear Director Sugahara and Members of the Oregon State Aviation Board:

Life Flight Network respectfully requests that the Oregon Department of Aviation and the Oregon State Aviation Board postpone any vote on the Aurora State Airport Master Plan.

Life Flight Network has continued to engage with State officials, local stakeholders, and other interested parties regarding the Master Plan and its potential impact on our operations. While those discussions have been constructive, significant concerns remain regarding the effect of the proposed plan on Life Flight Network's ability to continue operating from Aurora and maintain its role as a critical component of Oregon's emergency medical transportation and emergency response infrastructure. These concerns have not yet been fully resolved.

Life Flight Network supports thoughtful airport development and remains committed to working collaboratively with the Department, the Board, and other stakeholders. A short delay would provide the opportunity to complete those discussions and better ensure that any final decision reflects both the long-term goals of the airport and the critical public safety and healthcare functions supported at Aurora.

Accordingly, we respectfully request that the Department and Board postpone any vote on the Aurora State Airport Master Plan to allow these discussions and evaluations to continue.

Thank you for your consideration and your continued commitment to serving the people of Oregon.

Sincerely,



Ben Clayton
Chief Executive Officer