

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING PROPOSED LEGISLATION IMPLEMENTING LARGE AIRCRAFT SECURITY PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the General Aviation sector is a vital engine of growth in the State of Arkansas, providing jobs, economic opportunity, and revenue; and

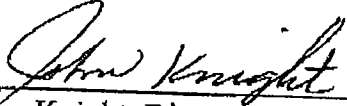
WHEREAS, given the geography of the State of Arkansas, a great many businesses and communities depend upon small planes and General Aviation for access to medical treatment, tourism, mobility, economic opportunity, disaster relief and a wide range of critical resources and services.

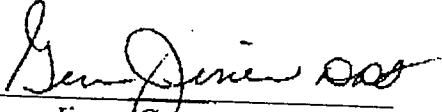
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Arkansas Department of Aeronautics and the Arkansas Aeronautics Commission:

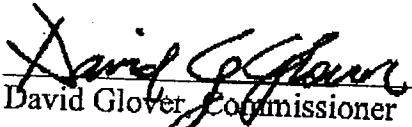
THAT the Arkansas Department of Aeronautics and the Arkansas Aeronautics Commission strongly support efforts to improve the nation's aviation security but have serious concerns regarding the Transportation Safety Administration's proposed Large Aircraft Security Program (LASP), including the following:

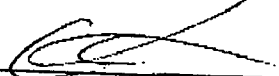
- (1) The General Aviation community and key stakeholders including state and local elected officials, businesses and others deserve an opportunity to improve the proposal through a negotiated rulemaking process.
- (2) Among the prohibited items are everyday tools. Small aircraft routinely carry employees and their tools to job sites that do not have commercial service. This would greatly reduce the efficiency and utility of business aviation.
- (3) The proposal fails to take into account the significant differences in the nature of non-commercial General Aviation operations and Commercial Airline operations.
- (4) The burden of implementing and sustaining this new program as it is currently written would fall disproportionately and unfairly on small towns, airports and small businesses and would cost these communities jobs and cause them financial harm.


Dated this 13th day of May, 2009.

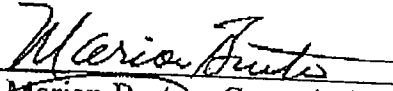

John Knight, Director

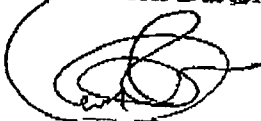

Gene Jines, Commissioner

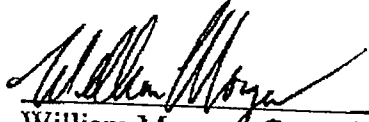

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