

# New Jersey Aviation Association

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President Barack Obama  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
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Dear Mr. President,

As you prepare to release the administration's 2015 Fiscal Year Budget, we would like to reiterate our strong opposition to any plan to impose a \$100 per flight fee on commercial and general aviation operators. Last April, 223 members of the House of Representatives signed a bipartisan letter to you outlining their opposition to any such fee. In past years, proposals of such fees have uniformly been rejected by a broad bipartisan majority of the House of Representatives. Increasing tax burdens upon America's showcase industry, the aviation industry, is bad for all Americans. It is especially bad for people in New Jersey.

Commercial and general aviation are vital to the economic well-being of the New Jersey. Aviation manufacturing and associated industries provide important jobs and employment opportunity. Your continued support for any proposal to implement a per-flight-fee on commercial and general aviation would only serve to undermine the strength of our aviation transportation system and the jobs that rely on this important segment of our State's economy. We respectfully request that you do not advance such a proposal in your upcoming budget plan.

Thank you for keeping the concerns of New Jersey's citizens, businesses, and farmers in mind as you move forward.

Please call me if you have any questions or in any event if I may be of any assistance.

Kindest personal regards.

Very truly yours,

Jack McNamara  
Chairman

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