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From Ken Ivey, chair of the Aurora Butteville Barlow Community Planning Organization

Mayor Knapp and City Council  
City of Wilsonville

Aurora Airport Community Input:

My name is Ken Ivey. I am the chair of the Aurora Butteville Barlow Citizens Planning Organization. Many of our citizen members live near Aurora Airport and are affected daily by its air and land traffic. We are against the lengthening of the runway at Aurora Airport.

While the proponents of lengthening say the master plan calls for an extension of the runway, that was not the findings of the public process. After almost 2 years of public input on the Aurora Airport Master Plan, the Airport Advisory Committee, along with the consulting engineers, WH Pacific, recommended not to extend the runway. That recommendation was presented at an ODA meeting, but did not make it into the minutes. The public process was scrapped and a master plan showing a runway extension was substituted.

The argument for the extension is being made with no comprehensive record of operations. The information regarding constricted operations being used to support the runway extension comes from anecdotal accounts from the very pilots who want the extension. The tally of constricted operations includes planes that exceed the weight limit of the runway. Those planes have to gain the ODA's permission to use the airport. By giving permission, the ODA is creating constricted operations where none should exist.

ODA claims that the extension of Aurora Airport will bring in larger jets. Since the primary argument is that the current planes need a longer runway for safety, logic says that larger jets will not be safe even with the extension - the "Peter Principle" of airport runways.

We are being told that the extension will bring in more jobs. In the same breath we are being told that those jobs will have no effect on the already over taxed transportation infrastructure. Then we are told that those jobs won't be new jobs – they are being relocated from other Oregon airports. So there is no increase in Oregon jobs, but the employees will be forced to commute to Aurora Airport, using the over taxed infrastructure that is supposedly not being affected.

The proposal doesn't mention that the jobs being relocated to Aurora Airport are being brought to a location that has no municipal services and little opportunity to gain those services.

ODA acts as an industry advocate with little public oversight. Proper shepherding of our tax dollars, whether state or federal funds should be a priority. Until Aurora Airport records the actual numbers of operations and constricted operations, the extension is not justified.

Respectfully,

Ken Ivey

**Chair, Aurora Butteville Barlow Citizens Planning Organization**