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To preserve and enhance the Airports of Central Ohio.

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Doug Hammon, Airport Director

OSU Airport
2160 West Case Road
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Dear Mr. Hammon;

We **support** the proposed North Runway extension at OSU Airport.

Since its adoption in 1990, the OSU Airport master plan has called for a full precision instrument landing approach along with a runway extension to 6000 ft on the existing north runway. This plan was developed with the full involvement and support of all surrounding communities.

Noise is a significant concern for neighbors. This proposed precision landing approach allows airplanes to operate at higher altitudes, with less engine power and quieter adjustments of power. The longer runway keeps more noise within the airport boundary.

The longer runway will not change the largest aircraft certified for operation at OSU Airport (specified by FAA as the Critical Aircraft, or the largest aircraft with 500 or more take-offs or landings at the airport in a single year).

We recognize that the OSU Airport generates **\$65 million** in annual economic vitality. In addition, OSU Airport adds to the quality of life in Columbus:

Medical Emergency Flights

Engineering Education and Research

Civic involvement through community groups, boy scouts and aviation explorers, and high school shadow programs.

City space that will not become thousands of houses, apartments, strip malls, shopping centers, and additional auto traffic congestion.

In summary, we **support** the proposed runway extension.

There are other good reasons for this project, and I will elaborate on them if you wish.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards,

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