

November 8, 2003

Secretary Ellen Roy Herzfelder
Attn: MEPA Office
EOEA #12480
251 Causeway Street, Suite 900
Boston, Massachusetts 02114

Dear Secretary Herzfelder:

Please accept this letter as endorsement of the proposed runway and safety project at the Pittsfield Municipal Airport. We write to affirm our continued support of this necessary and environmentally sound project.

The EA/EIR addresses public concerns in reference to alternatives and has clearly defined the best course of action. We feel the developer has adequately handled the issues in a way that will enable this project to move forward. All environmental issues have been carefully considered and the project is a good balance that will result in significant improvements to Wild Acres and surrounding areas.

In conclusion, we urge you to continue to support this project which will promote economic development, enhance the region and tend to all safety concerns.

Sincerely,

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Dear Secretary Herzfelder:

As a small business owner in Berkshire County, I strongly endorse the proposed plan to improve safety conditions of the Pittsfield Municipal Airport. The combination of enhanced runway safety areas with runway extensions will result in an infrastructure that is better equipped to serve the businesses and private aircrafts that use the airport. The airport is a key factor in our economy and if we do not take the necessary actions, many of the companies that are key contributors to our economy will leave for more cost and time efficient regions. The Berkshires cannot afford a great decline in revenue and jobs.

The project is expected to cost \$20 million. The developers expect it to drive in excess of \$15 million into the local economy and will provide long-term profits. As a small business, the benefits of this project are of great value to me. A strong economy provides for a healthy business environment. If large corporations prosper, small businesses do as well. We often depend on the larger companies to purchase our products and utilize our services.

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Please support the proposed airport expansion. Completing this project will not only benefit the present economic condition of the Berkshires, but will more importantly guarantee a fiscally healthy future.

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Dear Secretary Herzfelder:

As **INSERT TITLE HERE** of **INSERT COMPANY NAME HERE**, I strongly support the Pittsfield Municipal Airport Runway Safety and Improvement Project. For many companies in the Berkshire, the airport represents a good opportunity to efficiently conduct business in a region of the country that is otherwise not on the radar screen. There are two main issues that need to be considered.

Unequivocally, the most pressing issue is the safety of all passenger and pilots who utilize the airport daily and the homeowners in the vicinity of the airport. One simply cannot argue safety; the regulations mandated by the Federal Aviation Administration must be met without question.

We also need to take the economic vitality of Berkshire County into consideration. The City of Pittsfield has proposed a plan to improve safety conditions of the Pittsfield Municipal Airport, enabling corporate executives to travel to business counterparts with ease. Easier access into and out of the area will allow executives to conduct their business more efficiently.

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If we do not take the necessary actions to improve the conditions of the Pittsfield Municipal Airport, we are risking both lives and our economy. A safe, improved airport facility not only presents a favorable climate for future economic development, but it also shows that we value the businesses that are already an important part of the community.

I support the Airport Runway Safety and Improvement Project and I urge you to do the same.

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