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The Honorable Steve Hobbs
Chair, Transportation Committee
Washington State Senate
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The Honorable Rebeca Saldana
Vice Chair, Transportation Committee
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Dear Chairman Hobbs and Vice Chair Saldana:

As your Committee considers House Bill 1110 (HB 1110), we would like to express our strong support of the legislation and its potential to promote the production and increased use of Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF). HB 1110 will provide the aviation industry with the stability necessary to continue investing in technology that will generate economic and environmental benefits across the globe. Despite the fact that business aviation accounts for a fraction of one percent of global greenhouse gas emissions, the industry is committed to continuing to improve on our strong fuel efficiency record and to further enhancing our nation's energy security through various means, including the deployment of SAF.

As SAF meets the rigorous jet fuel specification, it is a "drop-in" fuel that can be delivered to the common storage and fuel distribution systems at an airport and blend seamlessly with petroleum-based jet fuel to power all turbine aircraft departing from that airport. While we have made significant progress, we must scale up supply and enhance cost-competitiveness to realize the market potential of SAF.

Section 4(5) of HB 1110 is a key provision that will allow SAF producers and the aviation industry "to elect to participate in the clean fuels program by earning credits for the production, import, distribution, use, or retail" sale of SAF. By allowing SAF producers to generate credits from all transportation fuels, the economics of SAF will dramatically improve. The availability of SAF in significant quantities is a key pillar to the achievement of the industry's goals. In addition to technological advancements, SAF is particularly critical to the aviation industry's climate commitments.

We are part of a global aviation coalition committed to significant fuel efficiency improvements through 2020, and a goal to achieve carbon-neutral growth in international aviation from 2020, subject to critical aviation infrastructure, technology, operations, and sustainable fuels advances by government and industry. But we will not be able to achieve these goals without policies like those related to aviation fuels in HB 1110.

We strongly support your leadership on this issue, which will enable the aviation industry to continue our progress in improving efficiency and reducing emissions. We look forward to working with you on this important effort.

Sincerely,



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