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Dear Voting Members of WSAA:

Last week I asked you to confirm your support for aviation bills that are being considered by Washington’s legislature. During a 2:00 AM epiphany, I realized that I did not go far enough.

WSAA’s strength is derived from the hundreds of individuals who belong to our member organizations.

In order to be successful this legislative season what we need and what I am asking you via this letter to do is to energize your members to contact their own senators and representatives to proclaim their support for House bills 1455, 1456 and 1457. This is how we as an organization can be successful as we work to do our part to (1) place additional pilot and mechanic students in the instruction pipeline (2) provide low-cost loans to airports for infrastructure projects that the grant program cannot fund and (3) to increase funding for the Aviation Division’s Airport Aid Grant Program to reduce the \$8.4M airport infrastructure funding gap.

Our window of opportunity in Olympia will only be open for a short time. WSAA board members are eager to testify in support of this legislation. Nothing however will be as powerful as individual calls, letters and emails being sent to legislators by their own constituents.

Remember to remind your members and other contacts who are willing to make this effort that we are focused on airport development (HB 1456 and 1457) to increase the impacts our airports have on local economies and rural economic development.

Anyone willing to make this effort can find contact information for their legislative representatives by searching “Washington State Legislature” and clicking on “Find Your Legislator.”

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Sincerely,

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