**Draft Email to Legislator**

Dear [Assemblywoman or Assemblyman or Senator Last Name],

I want to congratulate you on your election/reelection (as appropriate) to represent me and my family at the Nevada Legislature. I want to take a moment to introduce myself. My name is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and I am employed as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. As an aviation professional, I want share with you the importance of aviation to our community but also to the statewide economy. I am also a member of the Nevada Aviation Association, which is an aviation industry advocate for maintaining and improving the statewide airport system and aeronautical operators across the Silver State. In March 2022, the Nevada Department of Transportation released a study titled "The Nevada Airport and Heliport System Plan (NAHSP) Link here [NAHSP Executive Summary](https://www.nevadaaviationsystem.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Digital_NAHSP_ExecutiveSummary.pdf).” This $465,000 study included an economic impact study. Aviation in Nevada supports over 285,000 jobs generating $12.1B in labor income and generating $40B in additional economic output. The study did not calculate the impacts on military aviation and aeronautical activity not associated with an airport (i.e., aviation manufacturing and UAV activity off-airport.)

The NAHSP identified initiatives and investment needs for Nevada Airports. The 20-year estimate for statewide aviation needs in $8.4B.

The FAA establishes guidelines for managing and maintaining plans essential to airport development through the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS) and the Airports Capital Improvement Plan (ACIP). Nevada has 31 NPIAS airports and nineteen non-NPIAS airports many of which are eligible for FAA grants.

$5M in General Funds directed to the Nevada Fund for Aviation program would allow Nevada counties/municipalities to access FAA funds by providing required local matching funds. FAA grant funds provide 93.75 cents for every dollar provided. The local grant recipient must provide the remaining 6.25 cents on the dollar. In other words, for every 6.25 cents that the recipient spends, the FAA provides 93.75 cents in grant funds. What a bargain!

This funding will go a long way toward preserving airport infrastructure to enhance safety, foster sustainability, transform economies, connect communities, and optimize mobility. These projects include pavement maintenance, installation of automated weather reporting equipment, modernize airport fuel systems, and install airport lighting for nighttime operations. Nevada airports connect statewide economies and provide access for healthcare. Doctors and nurses routinely travel from metro medical facilities in Reno and Las Vegas to rural community airports to provide critical access to clinical healthcare services and allow for emergency medical evacuation to major trauma centers. There are forty-nine public use (local) airports and only three commercial service airports (Las Vegas, Reno-Tahoe, and Elko). However, Elko is losing its last commercial service in 2023. Local airports improve transportation options by reducing travel times, improving travel flexibility and scheduling, improve employee safety and security, enhance the delivery of time sensitive equipment, facilitate multiple-stop itineraries in a single day and often to towns and locations that would be inaccessible by commercial air service. Local airports are vital to the Nevada transportation network.

*A mile of road will take you one mile. A mile of runway will take you anywhere in the world.* By directing $5M to the Nevada Fund for Aviation, dollars received by the state will alleviate the demand on general fund dollars at the state or local level and **leverage over $90M in federal airport improvement grants**.

I would like to schedule a call or a visit with you in district prior to the session. I would like to follow up with a visit in Carson City on March 27th during *Nevada Aviation Association Day* at the Legislature.

Best Regards,

Name, title

Company

Email

Phone number