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The Honorable \_\_\_\_\_  
U.S. House of Representatives  
\_\_\_\_\_ House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative \_\_\_\_\_:

I am writing to request that you co-sign a letter to President Barack Obama opposing aviation user fees in the Fiscal Year 2012 (FY12) budget.

U.S. Representatives Thomas Petri and Jerry Costello, chairman and ranking member of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure's, Subcommittee on Aviation, respectively, have drafted a letter (see attached) requesting the omission of aviation user fees in the FY12 budget.

In 2009, a bipartisan letter signed by 118 Members of Congress was sent to President Obama with the same request, opposing user fees in the FY 11 budget. User fees are not supported by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure because of the detrimental impact on general aviation and the flying public. The current system of aviation excise taxes has proven to be a stable and efficient source of funding for the aviation trust fund. In addition, inclusion of a user fee in the FY12 budget would be a step backward in the efforts to modernize our nation's air traffic control system.

If you have questions or would like to sign on to the letter, please contact Sarah Blackwood with Congressman Costello's office at [Sarah.Blackwood@mail.house.gov](mailto:Sarah.Blackwood@mail.house.gov) or Debbie Gebhardt with Congressman Petri at [Debbie.Gebhardt@mail.house.gov](mailto:Debbie.Gebhardt@mail.house.gov) by Monday, January 17.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

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January X, 2011

The Honorable Barack Obama  
President of the United States of America  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Obama:

Prior to your Fiscal Year 2011 budget proposal, a large bipartisan group of members from the U.S. House of Representatives wrote to request that aviation user fees not be imposed to fund the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). We were pleased they were omitted and again urge you to take the same course of action in Fiscal Year 2012.

User fees were not supported by the House, and we believe they would have a detrimental impact on general aviation and the flying public. We support the current system of aviation excise taxes, which has proven to be a stable and efficient source of funding.

The House opposed user fees in legislation to reauthorize the FAA in both the 110<sup>th</sup> and 111<sup>th</sup> Congresses. We believe inclusion of user fees in the Fiscal Year 2012 budget would be a step backward in our efforts to modernize our air traffic control system and fund FAA operations.

Sincerely,