



Action Call

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Urge Your Maine Representatives to Support Permanent Aircraft Tax Exemption

In the 2011 legislative session, Maine Governor Paul LePage signed into law a budget that included a tax exemption for aircraft sold and repaired in the state from the 5 percent sales tax. The exemption is set to expire on June 30, 2015. NATA encourages all members in Maine to contact their elected officials in the House and Senate to encourage them to pass [LD 279](#), legislation that would extend the exemption from the sales and use tax for aircraft and aircraft parts past 2015.

Currently in the [Joint Committee on Taxation](#), the legislation, if passed, will bring more job and business opportunities, as has been reported in states with permanent sales and use tax exemptions on aircraft. The committee is reviewing whether a permanent tax will provide an incentive for increasing investment in the aviation sector.

Governor LePage and his administration are longtime supporters of general, issuing proclamations that raise awareness of the industry's contributions as well as implementing initiatives to draw aviation businesses to Maine to increase the state's business and economic competitiveness. Throughout Maine, the industry supports more than 1,500 jobs at the state's 30 general aviation airports and contributes \$521 million in annual economic activity annually, according to the Alliance for Aviation Across America.

Contact your Representatives and Senators today in support of this important legislation. A permanent sales and use tax exemption on general aviation aircraft will only increase the industry's economic output and job growth. A permanent exemption will also provide investment opportunities that will attract and retain business, thereby bringing aircraft to and basing aircraft at airports throughout the state. More information on how to contact your Maine Representatives and Senators can be found by clicking [here](#).