

NEW JERSEY AVIATION
ASSOCIATION
P. O. Box 111
Far Hills, New Jersey 07931
www.njaa.aero

December 24, 2020

RE: New Jersey Aviation Association Year-End 2020 Highlights

Dear NJAA Member

This letter will give you a quick update of NJAA's efforts on your behalf in 2020, and our ambitious plans to meet the critical challenges that confront General Aviation as we approach 2021. Most important, we take this opportunity to thank you for your membership in and support of NJAA during an unusual year full of strong headwinds for GA.

During 2020, your Directors have focused on the things that concern you as owners/operators of General Aviation airports, aviation-oriented and aviation-dependent businesses, and pilots. Among these: maintenance and development of New Jersey's airport infrastructure, grant funding through FAA and NJDOT programs, and operational issues including presidential TFRs. On the state level these stem from an unfortunate deemphasis on aviation in NJ's overall transportation policy.

This year NJAA has focused on the following:

1. In conjunction with our sister organization, the Mid-Atlantic Aviation Coalition, we **accepted the invitation of senior management of the FAA Eastern Region to discuss aviation conditions and policy.** Representatives of the NJAA and MAAC boards participated in the conference, which led to a fuller understanding of positions and a candid exchange of views. A productive first step, we will pursue more discussions like this in 2021 to strengthen our good relationship with FAA decision makers who directly influence aviation in NJ and surrounding states.

2. **For decades General Aviation has been virtually ignored by NJ's law makers.** We believe that this is due to a fundamental lack of understanding about the importance of aviation's role in the state and national transportation systems. The importance of this role has not been lost on other states, which now run far ahead of NJ in developing and funding airports as critical economic drivers. **NJAA is bringing to bear its resources, combined with those of**

MAAC, NBAA, and AOPA, to guide aviation policy at the state level and to increase our woefully deficient airport funding, where we languish at the bottom of all other states.

3. Members of the NJAA board have been appointed to serve as members of special task forces dealing with aviation policy, including the periodic revision of the NJ State Airport System Plan and the newly created Public Use Airports Task Force. These give us the opportunity to make a positive contribution to the development of state aviation policy.

So, what's on the flight plan for 2021? In short, our efforts will intensify. We have hired a government relations specialist to help us put the case for GA front and center with the Legislature and Governor. Our goals are threefold: (1) increase funding for airports; (2) insist on the enforcement of pro-aviation laws already on the books, such as clearing flight path obstructions; and (3) give General Aviation the seat at the decision making table on transportation policy that it has been denied for too long.

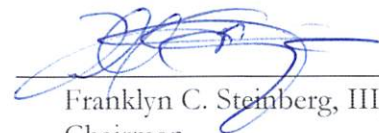
On the federal level, we will keep the FAA informed of conditions in New Jersey, with a focus on bringing New Jersey an equitable share of Airport Improvement Program grant funding.

In 2021, we will continue to push to rationalize VIP security arrangements and expand the MD3 rules to other locations. Presidential TFRs will continue to affect the Garden State with the inauguration of President-Elect Biden. Although they will shift south from Bedminster to Wilmington, Delaware, away from most New Jersey population centers, PTFRs will still affect much of New Jersey and portions of eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware that are regularly used by New Jersey-based aircraft.

We were forced by the pandemic to cancel the annual NJAA aviation awards luncheon, traditionally held in the Fall. No one knows what 2021 will hold for such gatherings, but we hope to resume the awards luncheon, not only for its own sake but because of its importance as New Jersey's *de facto* statewide aviation conference. We will keep you informed as we move forward. In doing so we hope that we can count on your continuing support, which is more important than ever.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and Executive Director Suzy Nagle, I thank you again for your support of NJAA and convey our best wishes for a safe, healthy, and happy holiday season and a high-flying 2021.

Respectfully yours,
New Jersey Aviation Association



Franklyn C. Steinberg, III, Esq.
Chairman