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The Honorable Philip D. Murphy
Office of the Governor
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Dear Governor Murphy:

"A mile of highway goes nowhere. A mile of runway goes everywhere." President Franklin D. Roosevelt made this important observation at the First International Civil Aviation Convention in 1944. It still holds true today.


The New Jersey Aviation Association thanks you for the interest and consideration your administration gives to the State's transportation infrastructure and is cognizant of the fiscal problems it faces. And that is the reason for this letter.

General aviation, with just over forty public use airports (half of which are privately owned), plays a major transportation role and yet costs the government pennies compared to roads. General aviation airports are important to major corporations, small businesses, farming, personal transportation, and the State's emergency management system. Airports mean jobs to 18,000 residents and serve more than 8,000 pilots. In order to remain viable they must be maintained and improved.

NJDOT aviation safety grants totaling around \$4million have been awaiting your signature for a few months. NJAA asks that you promptly sign off on these grants so that the public use airports in New Jersey can continue to maintain safe "miles" of air highways that go "everywhere" and help to enhance New Jersey's business climate. We look forward to hearing that these dollars will soon flow to where they can benefit our transportation system.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,


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