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President

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The Honorable Brad Henry  
Governor  
State Capitol  
2300 North Lincoln Boulevard, Room 212  
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

**Re: Support for HB 1577 (Piatt)**

Dear Governor Henry:

On behalf of the more than 5,000 Oklahoma members – of more than 404,000 nationwide – of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association we respectfully urge you to sign HB 1577, which broadens an existing sales tax exemption for repair and maintenance of larger aircraft to include all lighter general aviation aircraft.

These lighter planes are greater in number than all other aircraft, and this new pool of customers would increase significantly the amount of repair business conducted in Oklahoma. Indeed, to stay competitive, many states across the country have adopted similar policies and experienced an increase in aviation related economic activity. Moreover, with more customers, aviation businesses will be able to provide many highly skilled, well-paying jobs, generating broad tax and social benefits statewide.

Given the economic good sense this makes for our members, aircraft repair businesses, and particularly the “aviation friendly” state of Oklahoma itself, we again urge you to sign HB 1577.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our comments. Should you have any questions or require any further information, please contact me at (301) 695-2000.

Sincerely,

Phil Boyer

cc: AOPA Southwest Regional Representative Shelly Lesikar