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ISSA EXPRESSES SUPPORT FOR OCEANSIDE AIRPORT

Washington, DC - Congressman Darrell Issa today made the following statements in support of the Oceanside Airport:

"The Oceanside Municipal Airport continues to play a vital role in the aviation infrastructure of Southern California and needs to remain open. The 170,000 residents of Oceanside enjoy the benefits of aviation in the San Diego region and the Oceanside airport plays a necessary role in this transportation network. I strongly urge the City of Oceanside to abandon efforts to close the airport and commit to fully developing needed general aviation infrastructure onsite.

"The City must live up to the obligations it made to the federal government and the Federal Aviation Administration when it entered into an agreement to receive \$4 million in grant money for airport improvements. I will work closely with the FAA to ensure the continued operation of Oceanside Airport.

"Southern California already lacks the airport capacity necessary to meet increasing aviation demands. Closing Oceanside Municipal Airport would only worsen this problem. As the search for a new site for the San Diego airport demonstrates, airports are assets that cannot easily be replaced."