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The Honorable Lawrence Denney, Speaker
Idaho House of Representatives
State Capitol Building
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Dear Speaker Denney:

The Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA), a not-for-profit membership organization, represents the general aviation interests of over 400,000 members nationwide – including over 3,100 in Idaho. On behalf of AOPA and our members, we write to express the general aviation community's strong support for House Bill 417, or any other legislative vehicle, that would exempt certain aircraft materials, parts and components installed on out-of-state aircraft from Idaho sales and use taxes.

Passage of this legislation will allow Idaho's Federal Aviation Administration-approved maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) facilities to compete on a level playing field with MRO facilities located in states with such tax exemptions already in place. This will permit Idaho's MRO facilities to be more competitive as they seek to attract valuable aircraft maintenance work from around the country, which in turn will create new skilled, family-sustaining aircraft maintenance jobs and much-needed additional economic development for the state of Idaho.

On behalf of AOPA and our members, we appreciate your support of House Bill 417. If you have any questions, or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me or David Ulane, our Northwest Mountain Regional Manager at (301) 695-2094.

Sincerely,

Mark Kimberling
Director, State Government Affairs