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The Honorable Donald J. Trump  
President-elect of the United States of America  
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Dear President-elect Trump:

On behalf of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) and our 350,000 members who are private pilots and aircraft owners, I want to extend our congratulations on your election. We look forward to working with your Administration to ensure that the United States maintains its position as the safest and most efficient aviation system in the world.

I write today to outline some of the economic consequences that aviation security precautions related to presidential travel place on local airports and communities, especially during extended visits.

As you know, when you are in residence at Mar-a-Lago, the FAA intends to implement a Presidential Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR), with a 10 nautical mile no-fly zone and a 30 nautical mile restricted outer ring. If implemented as planned, these restrictions will have significant economic and operational impacts on the six airports located under the no-fly zone or the 30 nautical mile restricted outer ring. These six airports account for a total economic output exceeding \$1 billion, create over 8,000 jobs, and have a total payroll of \$290 million. These figures do not include the economic impacts on the additional five public-use general aviation airports located under the 30 nautical mile outer ring.

We respect and understand the security rationale for these TFRs when you are in residence or conducting official business. We simply request that you and your Administration consider the negative impact on jobs and local economies when implementing these restrictions.

For example, the Palm Beach County Park Airport, known locally as Lantana Airport and an airport with which I am sure you are familiar, falls within the 10 nautical mile inner ring, effectively shutting down the airport when the TFR is in effect.

Lantana Airport is a designated reliever for Palm Beach International Airport (KPBI) and serves the general aviation interests of central and southern Palm Beach County. Lantana Airport is among the top 10 busiest general aviation airports in the United States, with 120,000 annual operations. It has more than 270 based aircraft, accounts for 250 jobs with a direct economic impact of \$15 million annually, and provides an additional \$27 million in economic impact annually to the community.

We at AOPA believe there are ways to mitigate the impact of security TFRs. We have excellent working relationships with the Federal Aviation Administration and the U. S. Secret Service and worked cooperatively with these agencies to restore access to the General Aviation Hudson River Corridor after you were elected president. We look forward to continuing to work with these agencies and your Administration on this and other issues of importance to general aviation.

Respectfully,



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