



## AIRCRAFT OWNERS AND PILOTS ASSOCIATION

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November 14, 2007

VIA FACSIMILE (623) 872-1278

Mr. Michael Munroe  
Glendale Municipal Airport  
6801 North Harbor Glen Blvd., Suite 201  
Glendale, AZ 85307

Dear Mr. Munroe:

The Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) represents the general aviation interests of 414,000 members, more than two-thirds of the nation's pilots – including 12,291 of our members in the state of Arizona. On behalf of our membership, AOPA is committed to ensuring the future viability and development of general aviation airports and their facilities as part of a national transportation system.

We have learned from a number of our members based at the Glendale Municipal Airport (GEU) of a gross access restriction being perpetuated on aircraft based at the airport during the upcoming Super Bowl activities January 27 to February 4, 2008. It is extremely evident to us that the desire to maximize revenue at the airport during this time frame trumped the needs of the existing based tenant rights, customer service principles and federal guidelines.

We have been in contact with the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Western Pacific Regional Airport's Division regarding this access restriction. We understand that the FAA has attempted to contact your office to explain in detail the obligation to keep the airport open and accessible for all forms of aeronautical activity during this period. We believe the proposed restrictions being planned are a violation of the FAA's federal grant assurances in place at Glendale Airport. Aircraft owners and operators utilize their aircraft for more than just pleasure; they are business tools. Accordingly, it is our opinion that the airport's total disregard for the needs of these legitimate uses will cause a significant financial hardship on based tenants and businesses.

We therefore request that you immediately rescind the letters to your tenants dated November 1, 2007 and work with them to come up with a better plan for accommodating the based aircraft operators and the transient aircraft operations expected during the Super Bowl week. We strongly encourage you to do this at tonight's meeting and to follow up with another letter outlining the revised plan.

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Thank you for your consideration of our views on this very important issue. If we can be of assistance please contact us at 301-695-2200.

Sincerely,

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Bill Dunn  
Vice President  
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cc:

Mr. Tony Garcia, Compliance Specialist, FAA Western Pacific Region Airports Division  
Mr. Barclay Dick, Division Director, Aeronautics Division, AZ DOT  
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Mr. Arthur Rosen, Member, Scottsdale Super Bowl Aviation Committee