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The Honorable Mark Senter  
Mayor  
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Dear Mayor Senter:

On behalf of the more than 7,000 members of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) in Indiana, I write to thank you for your continued support of Plymouth Municipal Airport. With over 10,000 Indiana pilots and many others utilizing the State's 107 public use airports, the need for expanded capabilities and additional support facilities is vital to continued viability of our nation's community airports. Plymouth's support for the airport and its facilities clearly illustrates the commitment of city leaders to not only the continued development of the airport, but also the continued growth of the city's economic prominence.

As you may know, general aviation and community airports create an economic impact exceeding \$4.9 billion annually within the State of Indiana. Without proactive, supportive airport sponsors like the City of Plymouth and the Board of Aviation Commissioners, this economic impact and over 18,000 general aviation-dependent jobs in Indiana would be placed in jeopardy. However, with strong leadership dedicated not only to expanding local airports, but also strengthening their local communities, general aviation will continue to support communities, job growth, and economic opportunity across not only the State of Indiana but across the entire country.

The Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association is a not-for-profit membership organization that represents the general aviation interests of over 400,000 members nationwide. Since 1939, AOPA has been committed to ensuring the safety, future viability, and development of general aviation airports and their facilities as a part of our national transportation system. In our efforts to promote and protect America's community airports, we are joined by a network of local volunteers at nearly half of those airports. As you may know, the Airport Support Network Volunteer for Plymouth Municipal Airport is David Lattimer.

Please accept our sincere gratitude for your dedication to Plymouth Municipal Airport and for your hospitality during AOPA's recent visit to the airport. Should you, at any point, require any assistance with airport or aviation related policies, please view AOPA and its expertise as a resource for you and your colleagues.

Very truly yours,

Bryan Budds  
Great Lakes Regional Manager

cc: Mr. Tom Flynn, Aviation Commission President  
Mr. David Lattimer, Airport Manager / Airport Support Network Volunteer