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The Honorable Cecilia M. Aguiar-Curry
Chair, Assembly Local Government Committee
1020 N Street Room 5144
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: SB 1120: Authority over Land Use

Dear Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry:

The Association of California Airports (ACA) represents both publicly and privately owned airports in the State of California and individuals working to foster, promote, and develop the California air transportation system.

ACA opposes SB 1120, legislation that would remove local authority over land use and development decisions which would negatively affect the future viability of airports across the State.

As the Airport Director of a regional general aviation airport, on the California Central Coast, I can personally attest that self-determination of local governments, and community homeowners near airports is vital to the on-going viability of airports across California.

SB 1120 is not only a threat to over eight million homeowners at all income levels, but also a clear and present danger to California's network of over 240 public-use airports. SB 1120 is fundamentally flawed as it is an unprecedented taking of authority, ability and actions from local planning powers and decision makers by effectively delivering those responsibilities to developers.

California airport sponsors, managers and supporters have long fought the challenges of such actions and unfortunately we have seen far too many general aviation airports close based on the unrealistic premise that displacing aviation utility results in affordable housing.

The ACA strongly opposes SB 1120.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this bill. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact ACA's Legislative Committee Chair Carol Ford at 650-591-8308 or carol_ford@sbcglobal.net.

Sincerely,

Rayvon Williams
President
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Cc: Assembly Member Jim Patterson
Chair, Aviation Caucus