

Subject: Stop a \$1000 Landing Fee in Massachusetts!



1 June 2021

Dear {{IndividualFirstName}},

I am writing today to request you contact Massachusetts State Senator Julian Cyr (D-Cape & Islands) urging him to immediately withdraw S.2305, which would establish a \$1,000 'climate mitigation landing fee' on all private, corporate, and charter aircraft using airports in the State.

If signed into law, S.2305 would have an immediate and devastating impact on general aviation and each of the states 39 public use airports. According to the 2019 Massachusetts Statewide Airport Economic Impact Study, there are 6,939 jobs supported by the 5 public-use airports in the Senators district alone, and over 199,237 jobs and \$24.7 Billion in economic activity supported by the aviation industry in Massachusetts. This would end GA in the State and have enormous consequences for businesses and those who rely on good paying aviation jobs to support their families.

As you may know, NASA has selected Massachusetts as one of five locations across the US to develop and implement an Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) system that is equitable, sustainable, and integrated with other transportation systems. These new green systems include electrically powered, passenger carrying aircraft— on the cutting edge of GA aircraft design and the potential for enormous environmental upside. Senator Cyr should be focused on supporting change through positive ideas, not costly negative ideas with huge collateral damage to the residents he purports to be helping.

Again, rather than penalizing his constituents and the residents of Massachusetts, Senator Cyr should be working with them and seeking solutions that incentivize environmental technology companies to come to Massachusetts and create jobs for residents of the State.

Please call 617-722-1570 or send a personalized email to julian.cyr@masenate.gov. Identify yourself as a resident of Massachusetts or constituent of his district (as appropriate) and urge Senator Cyr to:

- Immediately withdraw S.2305 due its detrimental impact on aviation jobs and businesses in the State.**

- Encourage him to instead develop positive efforts to bring environmental technology companies and clean manufacturing jobs to Massachusetts.**

Thank you for your time and positive consideration of this request. Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information by emailing me directly at sean.collins@aopa.org.

Sincerely,

Sean Collins