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Honorable Debbie Arnold, Chairperson
San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors
1055 Monterey Street
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

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RE: Agenda Item #38 – Oceano Airport - SUPPORT

Dear Supervisor Arnold and Members of the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors:

The Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) is the largest membership organization supporting general aviation pilots and aircraft owners in the world and we write to express our strongest support for Oceano Airport and its continued operation as an airport now and in the future.

Oceano Airport is a crucial part of California's air transportation network and provides significant economic benefits to the communities along the central coast. The airport serves as a gateway to some of California's unique communities and stunning beaches, attracting visitors from across the state and the country. Moreover, due to its strategic location, the airport can operate as a vital base of operations that provides essential emergency services when natural disasters hit the region. This is especially important now, as California's fire season continues to pose a constant threat to the area, and the airport can help minimize property damage and loss of life.

California airports are also vital for fostering future innovations in aviation and training the next generation of commercial pilots. Eliminating airports from our communities will take away opportunities for young people to get into STEM fields and explore careers in aviation, which are in high demand.

I would like to express my support for the resolution in favor of the Oceano Airport and urge you to consider the immense benefits it provides to San Luis Obispo County and the neighboring communities. Thank you for considering these points, and I appreciate their inclusion in the public record.

Respectfully,

JARED YOSHIKI
Western Pacific Regional Manager

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