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Rhode Island Airport Corporation, Board of Directors  
Rhode Island T.F. Green Airport  
2000 Post Road, Warwick, RI

**TRANSMITTED BY ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION**

**Email: [Boardpubliccomments@pvdairport.com](mailto:Boardpubliccomments@pvdairport.com)**

**Re: Request a 60-day delay on Agenda Action Item 6 (E) for the April 2026 Board of Directors Meeting.**

Chairman Savage and members of the RIAC Board of Directors,

On behalf of more than 600 Rhode Island members, the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) requests the Board of Directors to delay your decision on Agenda Action Item 6(e) for at least 60-days to allow for sufficient time for the public to review the proposal, which seeks to reduce the utility of the Quonset State Airport such that it will have a deleterious effect on users of the airport with the planned closure of crosswind runway 5-23, so that meaningful and constructive feedback can be provided.

The land parcels proposed for consideration are highlighted in the Quonset State Airport (OQU) 2014 Airport Layout Plan (the only OQU ALP publicly available) for aeronautical development, including the depiction of new aircraft hangars and the planned rehabilitation of crosswind runway 5-23.

As a federally grant-obligated airport, RIAC must receive approval from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to remove airport land from the ALP. As stated in FAA Order 5190.6C, *“In no case shall a release be granted unless the FAA determines that the sale of land will not adversely affect the development, improvement, operation, or maintenance of the airport.”* It goes on to state further, *“The nonaviation interest of the sponsor or the local community—such as making land available for economic development—does not constitute an airport benefit that can be considered in justifying a release and disposal.”*

Given the reduced utility of the airport with the loss of runway 5-23, a reduction in developable aeronautical land that depicts the construction of new hangars (areas H and B), while also removing another area where hangars were recently constructed (area F), it is difficult to ascertain how this proposal will not adversely affect the improvement and operation of the airport.

For these reasons, and so that the airport users most directly impacted by the proposed plans will have ample opportunity to provide input, we urge the RIAC Board of Directors to delay action for a minimum of 60-days from the April 9<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.

AOPA is the world’s largest aviation membership organization representing the general aviation interests of 300,000 aircraft owners and pilots across the country, including more than 600 members in Rhode Island.

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If you have questions or require additional information, please contact me directly at 301-695-2090 or [sean.collins@aopa.org](mailto:sean.collins@aopa.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sean M. Collins", is centered on a light-colored rectangular background.

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