



February 29, 2012

Matanuski Susitna Borough Assembly
c/o Lonnie McKechnie, Borough Clerk
350 East Dahlia Avenue
Palmer, AK 99645

Dear Assembly Members:

The Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) is a membership organization consisting of over 400,000 pilots and aircraft owners, with 454 of our members residing in the Mat-Su Borough. AOPA is committed to the health and viability of aviation in Alaska, and across the nation.

AOPA supports resolution 12-040, which eliminates the aircraft registration tax in the Borough. We concur with the Mat Su Aviation Advisory Board that this change could stimulate economic activity in the borough by providing an incentive for pilots to locate their aircraft there, which increases the demand for maintenance and other support services. We also hope the borough will continue the aviation system plan to better understand the economic benefits that aviation brings to the Mat-Su Borough.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom George". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tom George
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