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The Honorable Fred Upton
United States House of Representatives
2183 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Upton:

Subject: Support for S. 571 and H.R. 1062, Pilot's Bill of Rights 2

The Michigan Aeronautics Commission would like to join with the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, Experimental Aircraft Association, General Aviation Manufacturers Association, and other industry partners in voicing its support for S. 571 and H.R. 1062, also known as the Pilot's Bill of Rights 2. These bills address a top priority for thousands of Michigan pilots by easing the burden of costly and time-consuming aeromedical certification.

The medical provisions in this legislation build on the overwhelmingly positive safety experience of the Light Sport Aircraft (LSA) category introduced in 2004, which permits pilots to operate certain types of aircraft for recreation with a valid driver's license in lieu of a traditional medical certificate. There is no significant difference between the medically related incident rate of LSA pilots and pilots with traditional certificates. This shows that medical self-evaluation is already working and can be expanded to a wider pool of recreational pilots, saving both the recreational aviation community and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) millions of dollars.

The legislation also ensures that FAA certificate holders facing enforcement action have certain procedural rights, including being notified promptly of the nature of an investigation, the ability to access all relevant evidence, and the ability to reconsider the outcome of enforcement actions if new evidence comes to light. Furthermore, the bills would help prevent future violations by requiring FAA to reform its system for disseminating important safety-related information to pilots.

The Michigan Aeronautics Commission urges your vote of support for this important legislation in an effort to help invigorate this portion of Michigan's aviation industry. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either of us at 517-335-9568.

Sincerely,

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