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Ohio Mayors Recognize Value of General Aviation

Fifteen mayors from across Ohio have become part of a growing number of mayors across the country that recognize the critical importance of general aviation to their communities and towns. The state's mayors added their names to an ongoing petition, started by the Alliance for Aviation Across America, to the Obama Administration explaining the detrimental impact a proposed \$100-per-flight user fee would have on the industry and those that depend on general aviation.

Across Ohio, general aviation plays a major role in the state's economy, job growth and competition. The industry contributes \$5.56 billion to the state's economy, with a total economic impact of aviation calculated to be \$10.5 billion. The Ohio Department of Transportation reported in a 2006 study that 35 percent of businesses stated that they own, lease, charter or are a part of a fractional ownership of a general aviation aircraft. Ohio's 98 general aviation airports support over 17,000 jobs and contribute nearly \$500 million in payroll. Earlier this month, Ohio Governor John Kasich [declared](#) December to be "General Aviation Appreciation Month" across the state.

To read the petition, to see if your mayor has signed it, and for information on how to get your mayor to sign it, [click here](#).