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Washington Mayors Recognize Value of General Aviation

Twenty-one mayors from across Washington signed on to an ongoing petition to President Obama urging the Administration to recognize the value of general aviation to local towns and communities around the country. The mayors join more than 125 town and city officials from across the nation who recognize general aviation's importance in their states.

The Alliance for Aviation Across America spearheaded the effort in response to remarks made by President Obama about businesses that use general aviation because "it is extremely convenient and they can afford it." Recently, the Administration proposed to alter business aircraft depreciation schedules as one of the "difficult choices" in reducing the federal deficit. The President is also considering a \$100 per-flight user fee in his 2013 budget plan.

The petition notes the negative impacts that the President's comments have on the general aviation community and businesses that depend on general aviation to thrive. To see the mayors who have signed the petition, or for ways to encourage your city official to sign, [click here](#).