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Idaho Governor Urges President Obama To Defend General Aviation

On April 12, 2012, the Alliance for Aviation Across America released [a letter](#) on behalf of Idaho Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter requesting President Obama to recognize the importance of general aviation to local communities and economies in Idaho and across the country.

The governor pointed out that the industry is facing onerous "user fee" taxes that could be detrimental to the industry and would negatively impact the economy. In March, he signed into Idaho law [a bill](#) that exempts aircraft parts, supplies and maintenance from the state's sales and use taxes.

Governor Otter joins a list of state and local officials who have asked the Obama administration to recognize the vital importance of general aviation. This year alone, a letter from 100 mayors in 48 states was sent to the President deprecating attacks on general aviation, and 37 states have issued proclamations highlighting the positive impacts general aviation has in their states.