As Pennsylvania Tax Exemption Bill Moves Through Legislature, Continued Support Is Required

On May 22, 2012, the Pennsylvania state House of Representatives passed legislation, HB 1100, exempting taxes on aircraft parts and maintenance in the state. The bill is currently in the state Senate's Appropriations Committee where its companion bill, SB 1552, is currently under consideration. The Senate bill was introduced by Senator David Argall (R-District 29) on June 26, 2012.

As reported in NATA's Action Call, Pennsylvania is known as a "closed for business" state, where aviation industry and related services are being unnecessarily taxed, causing a barrier for new industry business and job growth in Pennsylvania. Representative Peter Daley (D-District 49), HB1100's sponsor, held a press conference regarding the House bill's importance and urged his colleagues to support the legislation and move it forward. Thanks to the advocacy efforts by constituents and the persistence by Representative Daley, the bill passed by a 179-19 vote.

Now, the state Senate needs to hear from Pennsylvania's citizens in support of SB 1552. NATA urges its members to contact their state Senators as soon as possible and reiterate that passage of this bill would mean that Pennsylvania would become more inviting to out-of-town operators and businesses and would ultimately provide more jobs and opportunities for generating personal income, property and fuel tax revenues.

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