



## Action Call

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### Encourage Support of Pennsylvania Tax Exemption on Aircraft Parts and Maintenance

The Pennsylvania Senate is considering [Senate Bill 593](#), which would eliminate the sales and use tax (SUT) on fixed-wing aircraft sales, maintenance and repairs. On April 15, 2013, the House passed [House Bill 1100](#). The Senate is now reviewing it alongside Senate Bill 593. In the last legislative session, the bill cleared the House but unfortunately stalled in the Senate. With member support, NATA believes the legislation will pass the Senate and will be swiftly signed into law.

Currently in Pennsylvania, there is a tax exemption on rotary-wing aircraft sales, parts, maintenance and repair. However, Pennsylvania has missed out on opportunities to house major aviation manufacturers and repair stations that have chosen to reside in bordering states due to the commonwealth's failure to extend the exemption to fixed-wing aircraft. Passage of this legislation, introduced by commonwealth Representative Jim Marshall (R-District 14), Chair of the Committee on Transportation's Subcommittee on Aviation, would mean the state can become competitive and more inviting to business, ultimately increasing sustainable jobs and generating indirect tax revenues such as personal income and property taxes as well as fuel taxes. Pennsylvania is home to 132 public-use landing facilities, all of which will benefit from passage of this legislation.

Neighboring states, including Massachusetts, Connecticut and New York, implemented exemptions on fixed-wing aircraft and have seen a subsequent increase in aviation activity and additional tax revenue. Pennsylvania cannot bring in new aviation business until the SUT issue is resolved and exemptions are applied.

Passage of this bill is a critical step in the growth of the aviation industry in the commonwealth. Pennsylvania's Senators need to hear from their local constituents on how aviation positively contributes to the local and state economy and business development. NATA will continue to coordinate with the Aviation Council of Pennsylvania and other parties on the issue, but it is more powerful for legislators to hear directly from their constituents.

**To contact your Senators today to encourage them to move forward to open the commonwealth for aerospace business, which Senate Bill 593 will do if passed, click [here](#).**