



Letter of Support for HPIP, PEAK and Aviation Tax Credit

House Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development
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Chairman Tarwater and Members of the Committee:

Textron Aviation appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Kansas's aviation-related economic incentive programs including the High Performance Incentive Program (HPIP), Promoting Employment Across Kansas (PEAK) and the Kansas Aviation Tax Credit for Employees and Employers. These programs are critical to sustaining Kansas's leadership in aviation, supporting high-wage jobs and remaining competitive in a global aerospace marketplace.

About Textron Aviation

Textron Aviation, home of the iconic Cessna and Beechcraft brands, has been proud to call Kansas home for nearly a century. With a range that includes everything from business jets, turboprops and high-performance pistons to special mission, military trainer and defense products, Textron Aviation has the most versatile and comprehensive aviation product portfolio in the world and a workforce that has produced more than half of all general aviation aircraft worldwide. Customers in more than 170 countries rely on our legendary performance, reliability and versatility along with our trusted global customer service network for affordable and flexible flight.

Economic and Strategic Importance of Textron Aviation in Kansas

Textron Aviation's presence in Kansas is a vital component of the state's economic strength and strategic positioning. As a major employer in Wichita and Independence, the company provides thousands of high-quality jobs that sustain families and strengthen local communities. Textron Aviation's operations drive economic activity across the region, supporting suppliers, service providers and small businesses. At the same time, the company's focus on advanced aviation technologies attracts top talent and fosters innovation, reinforcing Kansas's role as a center for aerospace excellence. Through ongoing investment in education, workforce development and community engagement, Textron Aviation elevates Kansas's standing in the global aviation industry.

The Need for Competitive Aviation Incentives

Kansas has a strong aviation heritage and has long supported the industry through programs such as HPIP, PEAK and the Aviation Tax Credit. However, other states actively compete for aerospace investment with substantial incentives including cash grants, tax relief, workforce training assistance and facility support. To remain competitive, Kansas must not only retain these programs but continue to invest in incentive structures that support high-wage, high-demand aviation jobs and attract population growth.

Request

HPIP, PEAK and the Aviation Tax Credit programs are essential to sustaining Kansas's aviation workforce, encouraging continued investment and ensuring the state remains competitive in a global aerospace industry. Thank you for your consideration and for your continued support of Kansas aviation and the communities it serves. We would be happy to provide additional details or answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Rachel Douglass'.

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