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The Honorable Doug LaMalfa
United States Congressman
408 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C., 20515

Subject: Support for Simpson University's Request for Aviation Program Equipment Funding

Dear Congressman LaMalfa:

The Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors is writing to express support for Simpson University's Community Project Funding request to purchase the necessary equipment for the new Aviation and Aviation Management program.

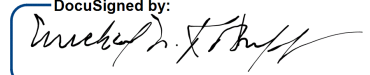
The need for such a program is evident given the growing demand for skilled professionals in the aviation industry. With projections indicating a substantial shortage of pilots in the coming years, it is imperative that we take proactive steps to address this gap. Simpson University's proposed program not only aligns with this need but also leverages the unique advantages of our region, particularly its ideal climate for flight training.

This critical equipment will boost the new program to not only meet the demands of the commercial airline sector but also create opportunities for individuals seeking careers in fields such as firefighting, rescue operations, and agriculture. By offering both a professional flight track and an aviation management track, Simpson University ensures that graduates are well-equipped to pursue diverse career paths within the aviation industry.

Moreover, Simpson University's commitment to combining a Christian liberal arts foundation with advanced aviation coursework speaks to its dedication to holistic education and the development of students as critically competent professionals of deep character. This integrated approach, along with state-of-the-art facilities and personalized training, will undoubtedly prepare graduates to excel in their chosen fields and make meaningful contributions to our community and beyond.

I believe that investing in Simpson University's Aviation program is not only an investment in the future of our region but also in the future of aviation as a whole. The Board wholeheartedly endorses this funding request and encourages you to consider it favorably.

Sincerely,

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