



Connecticut Aviation Threatened BY PROPOSED STATE TAXES

Governor Dan Malloy's budget for the state includes two new tax provisions that would dramatically increase the costs of owning and maintaining an aircraft in the state, and has the potential of causing a mass migration of aircraft out of state that could cause severe damage to the state's entire general aviation industry and result in significant job losses across the entire sector—ranging from avionics technicians to flight instructors.

- Governor's House Bill 6387 proposes to assess all aircraft at 70% of value factored by a mil rate of 20. A \$200,000 aircraft would pay annual property tax in the amount of \$2,800 on top of the **annual** registration fee. New taxes for larger aircraft would amount to hundreds of thousands of dollars per year.

- Governor's Senate Bill 1007 proposes the repeal of the aviation sales tax exemption on labor, but not parts.

The entire general aviation industry is banding together to fight these damaging tax increases, but we need your help.

Please e-mail both your Representative and Senator (You can determine who your legislators are by visiting the following link: www.cga.ct.gov/asp/menu/CGAFindLeg.asp).

Make sure to tell them you live and vote in their district, and politely urge them to contact their colleagues on Joint Committee on Finance to **oppose the proposed aircraft personal property tax and maintenance labor tax provisions** because:

- Connecticut aircraft owners already pay an aircraft registration fee instead of a property tax that is already the highest in New England.

- No other state in the region charges a personal property tax on aircraft, and no other state in the nation imposes a tax and a registration fee. New York doesn't charge either tax or fee.

- Numerous Aircraft owners will likely take their aircraft out of state to avoid paying these significant tax increases given the relative ease of driving a short distance to neighboring airports (provide personal information if you can).

Aviation businesses provide highly skilled, well-paid jobs, while generating broad tax and economic benefits statewide. Many of these jobs will be lost if aircraft and aviation businesses are forced out of the state.

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