

RESOLUTION NO. 3689

A RESOLUTION BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LEWISTOWN, MONTANA, OPPOSING THE ENACTMENT OF PROVISIONS IN THE U.S. S.B. 1300, THE "AVIATION INVESTMENT AND MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2007" THAT IMPOSE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL USER FEES, INCREASE AVIATION FUEL AND GAS TAXES AND REDUCE CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT OVER THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION.

Be it resolved by the Lewistown City Commission, State of Montana.

WHEREAS, the general aviation sector is a vital engine of growth for the State of Montana's economy, providing jobs, economic opportunity and revenue.

WHEREAS, the Aviation Investment and Modernization Act of 2007 proposes to remove Congressional oversight over the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

WHEREAS, given the geography of the State of Montana a great many businesses and communities depend upon small aircraft and general aviation for access to medical treatment, mobility, economic opportunity, disaster relief and a wide range of critical resources and services.


WHEREAS, a user fee system is not necessary to achieve the funding needed to modernize our National Air Transport System.

WHEREAS, general aviation is vital to the continued growth and prosperity of farms, small towns and rural areas in the State of Montana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Commission of the City of Lewistown, Montana respectfully opposes the enactment of the provisions of U.S. S.B. 1300, the Aviation Investment and Modernization Act of 2007, that impose air traffic control user fees, including "per flight charges," for Piston engined, turboprop aircraft operating under visual flight rules, military aircraft, public aircraft, air ambulance aircraft, and aircraft owned by foreign governments increase aviation fuel and gas taxes and reduce Congressional oversight over the Federal Aviation Administration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Montana Congressional Delegation and the Chairs and Ranking Members of the U.S. House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure, and its Subcommittee on Aviation; the Chair and Ranking Member of the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Senate Committee on Commerce, Science & Transportation, and its Subcommittee on Aviation Operation, Safety & Security.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 25th day of June, 2007.



RICK POSS, Chairman of the Commission

ATTEST:



NIKKI BRUMMOND, City Clerk