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Commissioner Marc Luiken
Department of Transportation & Public Facilities
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Susan Hoshaw
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Scott Habberstad
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RE: The Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) proposes to adopt regulation changes in Title 17, Chapter 45 of the Alaska Administrative Code, dealing with rural airports rates and fees.

Wilfred Ryan
Treasurer
RYAN AIR

Dear Commissioner Luiken:

Danny Seybert
Past President
PENAIR

The Alaska Air Carriers Association (AACAA) is a membership organization whose mission is to support and advocate for the commercial aviation community. Our members include Part 121, 135, 125, and commercial Part 91 Alaskan air carrier operators and associate members that support them.

Mike Stedman
ALASKA SEAPLANES

Luke Hickerson
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AACA is writing to you regarding the department's proposal to raise lease rates and fees on rural airports. This proposed regulation would require Alaskan air carriers and others to pay increased annual lease rates and fees for leasing and airport services.

Scott Van Valin
ISLAND AIR EXPRESS

Megan Matthieu
NORTHERN AIR CARGO

This proposal comes at a time when Alaskan air carrier lease rates at the International Airports have doubled, fuel taxes are proposed to triple, and new after hour airport maintenance fees are poised to become regulation. This latest effort will increase airport lease rates and related leasing and airport fees toward market value.

Mike Laughlin
REGAL AIR

Norman Chance
Sky Airparts International

AACA asks the department to reexamine this rigorous schedule and allow more time for the Alaskan air carriers to assess impacts, implement schedule changes or streamline to reduce costs prior to implementation. In addition, AACAA and members would be interested in collaborating with you and your staff on challenges they will face should all of these fees be implemented at the same time and work to implement a system more acceptable to the membership. Many carriers being forced to pay all these fees feel as though they are on the outside looking in.

Chuck Miller
WINGS OF FREEDOM

Dennis Parrish
CONOCO PHILLIPS

Executive Director

Jane Dale
ALASKA AIR
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In addition, AACAA encourages the department to also consider reductions and help reduce costs transferred to users.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer comments.

Best regards,

Matt Atkinson, Board Chair
Alaska Air Carriers Association

Jane Dale,
Alaska Air Carriers Association