



The Honorable Ann H. Rest Chair, Senate Taxes Committee Minnesota State Senate 75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Capitol, Room 328 St. Paul, MN 55155

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Honorable Ann H. Rest,

On behalf of the Duluth Area Chamber of Commerce, I write today in support of SF 0519 (Hauschild) -Aerospace and Aviation Credit.

The Duluth Area Chamber of Commerce, our state's third largest Chamber, fully recognizes that Duluth has been home to a growing aviation workforce, driven largely by the growth of Cirrus Aircraft. This important Aerospace and Aviation credit for workers would help companies like Cirrus grow here in Minnesota.

Further, this provision will aid Lake Superior College in Duluth in attracting more prospective students into their aviation programs held at the Center for Advanced Aviation at the Duluth International Airport.

Advancing this critical piece of legislation will continue to keep Northeastern MN on the map as a national destination for advanced aviation.

Thank you for your consideration!

Respectfully,

Matt Baumgarter, MBA

President

Duluth Area Chamber of Commerce