



February 19, 2025

Senator Ann Rest, Chair
Senate Tax Committee
328 Capitol
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Chair Rest & Senate Tax Committee Members:

Cirrus Aircraft has been proud to call Duluth, Minnesota, home since 1994. Over the past 28-years we have grown to become the recognized global leader in personal aviation through our best-selling SR series piston aircraft and the Vision Jet, the world's first single-engine Personal Jet™. As the largest manufacturer, and third largest employer, in Duluth, we rely on strong partnerships with over 100 supply chain partners across Minnesota. We are proud of our Minnesota-based workforce of over 1,700 employees and continue to invest in our local communities.

In 2022, we invested in the expansion of a state-of-the-art aviation Paint and Finish Facility and acquired the former abandoned Northwest Airlines hangar at the Duluth International Airport. Therefore, increasing our company's Minnesota footprint by 205,000 square feet and creating additional manufacturing and engineering career opportunities here in Minnesota. Cirrus hopes to invest even further in Minnesota and growth in the state reinvesting from the impacts of this legislation.

We strongly support the passage of **Senate File 1027 (Hauschild/Lang/Hoffman/Putnam)** - Airport Property Tax Exemption, which would expand the current Minnesota Statutes to create property tax exemptions for cities over 50,000 but under 150,000 in population, enabling Duluth, Rochester, and St Cloud, to more competitively compete for future aviation and aerospace job growth. This bill will grow and diversify the Minnesota economy through aviation.

Cirrus Aircraft's Minnesota Highlights:

- Manufactured over 10,000 Minnesota-built aircraft since 1994, generating over \$8 billion in economic impact to the State.
- Employs over 1,700 Minnesotans, making up more than half of the company's total workforce
- Partners with over 100 Minnesota-based supply chain partners
- Operates over 738,000 square feet at 11 facilities
- Delivered 700 Cirrus aircraft in 2023

Cirrus Aircraft is committed to growing Minnesota's aviation industry and is proud of our partnerships with the state of Minnesota and local communities. The passage of **SF1027** is critical to supporting growth of Minnesota's aviation and aerospace industry.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John P. Smith".

EVP and Chief Financial Officer
Cirrus Aircraft