



# Oregon Aviation Industries



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Letter in support of establishing air service at the Salem, Oregon airport

Oregon Aviation Industries (ORAVI) is in favor of reestablishing airline service at the Salem Oregon airport (KSLE). As a non-profit organization with 100 aviation company members we have a statewide view of aviation and its associated travel and economic development benefits. The time has come for Salem to utilize its existing excellent airport to its full potential.

As the Oregon State capital, thousands of people, legislators, educators, government employees and business people travel to/from Salem on a regular basis. The Salem airport can provide flights that connect to major airline hubs such as Denver, San Francisco and Seattle; and it can serve as a synergistic center for potential future rural air service to/from communities across the state.

The Salem airport has an existing passenger facility, a control tower and an excellent runway system with instrument approaches to serve airline transportation. It was a very popular airport prior to airline deregulation. It can be again.

Consultant studies have determined that there is adequate demand and potential passenger loads to launch air carrier service at Salem providing the adequate resources are put into place.

As the state capital, Salem deserves warrants and demands air carrier service to serve our state, our communities and the nation. ORAVI supports these efforts.

Sincerely,

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