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Dear Taxation Committee,

I am the Director of Aviation of a private aircraft management service based out of Portsmouth, NH. In my 20+ career in business aviation, I have personally worked with clients that are residents of Maine or would be interested in basing Aircraft there that specifically avoid the State due to the exposure to Excise tax. It is a lose/lose situation for the State of Maine. They aren't getting the excise tax because there are neighboring states that don't have this punitive tax. Maine also loses out on the economic activity of having the Aircraft based there. A private aircraft will require a lot of services which creates job and even generates tax revenue in other ways.

I was born in Maine, I still feel like it is my home. I would like to see my home state be a place that is welcoming to all forms of aviation and the careers and jobs that it offers the people.

We have an approval to build T Hangars at the Sanford Maine Airport. Repealing this tax will remove a significant barrier to getting this project underway.

Please take action to enact this bill.

Thanks,

Charles Burkhead
Clear Air Aviation LLC.