

H. Edmund Bergeron
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LD 138

Dear Members of the Committee,

I am H. Edmund Bergeron, President of Eastern Slope Aviation Academy, located at Eastern Slope Regional Airport (KIZG) in Fryeburg. Our mission is to introduce young people to careers in aviation. We do this at KIZG by providing flight training to young people and adults of Western Maine and Mount Washington Valley.

Currently, We have 130 Academy members and about 30 students who actively fly our 4 aircraft solo or with one of our instructors. As you can imagine safety is our primary concern. Encroachments onto the runway by deer, birds (including turkeys), coyotes and moose all provide potential for a serious accident. I personally have had close calls with deer, turkeys and coyotes on the runway. I credit IZG's consistent mowing program with minimizing habitat for any wildlife in the vicinity of the runway. I urge you to support LD138 to help the safety of airport users and our students.