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## TESTIMONY OPPOSING LD 1998: An Act to Transfer the Arch Hangar at the Former Loring Air Force Base to the Loring Air Museum

Senator Curry, Representative Roberts, and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement, and Business:

My name is Scott Hinkel and I am the President of Green 4 Maine at the former Loring Air Force Base.

I am offering testimony today in opposition to LD 1998, An Act to Transfer the Arch Hangar at the Former Loring Air Force Base to the Loring Air Museum.

As this committee knows, Green 4 Maine's mission is to revitalize the former base at Loring. Green 4 Maine is working with the Loring Development Authority in a strategic alliance to bring back jobs, economic activity, and families to this once busy installation.

Simply put, this bill undercuts all of Green 4 Maine's efforts to date and severely jeopardizes further development. Because the Arch Hanger is one of the centerpieces of our development plans, its transfer deals a significant—and likely fatal blow—to our goal of transforming Loring into a 21<sup>st</sup> century hub for aviation and innovation. The reason the Arch Hanger is so important to Green 4 Maine's plans is it is the largest monolithic arch roofed structure in the US. It was originally built for the simultaneous maintenance of two B-36 bombers so it has the space, engineering, and necessary infrastructure to house multiple aviation elements.

Because of these characteristics, Green 4 Maine has spent significant time cultivating and attracting major tenants to the base that will take advantage of the Arch Hangar. One important company is HyperSpace Propulsion, Inc who aims to manufacture and build its revolutionary Hypersonic Space Plane within the Arch Hangar walls. (You will hear from its CEO, Richard Lugg, later today as he too opposes this legislation.) Green 4 Maine has

spent over a year courting HyperSpace Propulsion and myriad others to the campus and the attraction of the Arch Hanger cannot be underestimated. For Loring to have the same redevelopment trajectory that the former Brunswick Naval Air Station did, a functional Arch Hanger must be part of those plans. Anything less and Loring's redevelopment will likely fail.

A secondary impact of this proposed transfer is it prevents Loring's runway from receiving acceptance by the Federal Aviation Authority (FAA). Without acceptance as an FFA-compliant runway and airport, Loring would be prevented from receiving critical and much-needed long-term federal funding. As specific examples, Loring's runway is in poor shape and will need to be repaved and the runway's lighting and current controls need updating. These types of mandatory, FFA-required updates could cost upwards of \$120 million and the need for FFA certification is foundational to receiving these funds.

In addition, Green 4 Maine has been supportive of the effort, led by the Loring Development Authority and Steve Levesque in coordination with the Department of Economic and Community Development, to receive a Federal Trade Zone designation for the entire property. The proposed transfer of the Arch Hanger threatens that shared goal.

Lastly, this transfer would greatly impact the work being done by Terry Shehata, the Executive Director of the NASA-funded Maine Space Grant Consortium who I know this committee knows. Maine is fortunate to have two former DoD military installations that have converted to civilian use. Like the former Brunswick Naval Air Station, let's make sure we keep Loring on that list of operable—and investable—former bases.

If the Arch Hanager is not available for the economic development and in support of the job creation that it was meant for, it will be the slow death of the entire campus. What is today a cavernous empty space is the centerpiece for tomorrow's rebirth of Loring. As noble as the proposed transfer may be, it is not the highest and best use of that building. Let's keep the Arch Hanger operational, let's keep the Arch Hanger housing aviation innovation, and let's keep the Arch Hanger as a pillar for economic redevelopment.

Respectfully

Scott Hinkel

President of Green 4 Maine

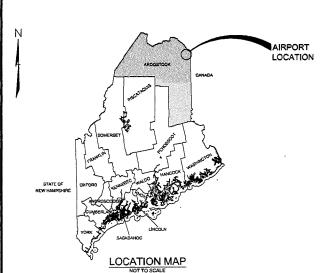


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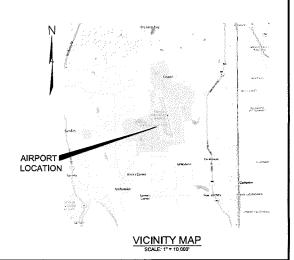
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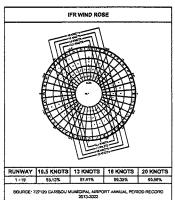
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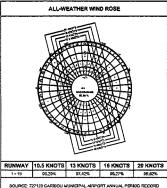
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		D-V	
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PAVEMENT STRENGTH/	SURFACE	ASPHALT CEMENT / PORTLA	ND CEMENT CONCRETE
MATERIAL TYPE	PCR	N/A	
TREATMENT		GROOVED PORTLAND C	EMENT CONCRETE
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(NAD 83)	LONGITUDE	87° 52'47.21° W	67° 53° 27.14° W
DISPLACED THRESHOLD	LATTUDE	NONI	
COORDINATES	LONGITUDE	NONE	
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AIRPORT ELEVATION		748.0'			
AIRPORT NAVIGATIONAL AIDS (OWNE	RSHIP)	LOCALIZER, GLIDESLOPE (LDA)			
AIRPORT REFERENCE POINT	LATITUDE	48° 57' 01.54" N			
(NAD ESVNAVO BB)	LONGITUDE	67" 53' 00, 10" W			
MISCELLANEOUS FACILITIES (OWNERSHIP)		ALSF1, V12 VASI, NON-STANDARD HIRL, WIND INDICATOR (LDA)			
CRITICAL AIRCRAFT		D - V / BOEING B-S2 STRATOFORTRESS - WINGSPAN: 185'-0", TAIL HEIGHT: 40'-10", APPROACH SPEED: 141			
AIRPORT MAGNETIC DECLINATION		16" 16" 36" E, ± 0" 24" CHANGING BY 0" 07" 45" E : YR (OCT. 2023)			
NPIAS BERVICE LEVEL		N/A			
STATE SERVICE LEVEL		PRIVATELY OWNED / PRIVATE USE AIRPORT			

	ULTIMATE A	RPORT DATA TABLE	
DATA		ULTIMATE	
AIRPORT REFERENCE CODE (ARC)		D-V	
MEAN MAX. TEMPERATURE AND HOT	TEST MONTH	78.4" (JULY)	
AIRPORT ELEVATION		748.0°	
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	LONGITUDE	67" 53" 09.10" W	
MISCELLANEOUS FACILITIES (OWNERSHIP)		ALSF1, V12 VASI, NON-STANDARD HIRL, WIND INDICATOR (LDA)	
CRITICAL AIRCRAFT		0 - V / BOEING B-52 STRATOFORTRESS - WINGSPAN: 185-0", TAIL MEIGHT: 40-10", APPROACH SPEED: 141	
AIRPORT MAGNETIC DECLINATION		16" 15" 36" E. ± 0" 24" CHANGING BY 0" 07" 48" E / YR (OCT. 2023)	
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SOURCE: 727120 CARIBO	DU MUNICIPAL AIRPOR	T ANNUAL PERI	OB RECORD

NO.	STANDARD MODIFIED	FAA STANDARDS	EXISTING CONDITION	PROPOSED ACTION	DATE OF APPROVAL
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MODIFICATIONS OF DESIGN STANDARDS

DECLARED DISTANCES								
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NON-STANDARD CONDITIONS					
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1	THERE IS NO AIRPORT BEACON.	A ROTATING BEACON IS STANDARD FOR ANY AIRPORT WITH RUNWAY EDGE LIGHTS.	INSTALL A NEW AIRPORT ROTATING BEACON.		
2	THERE IS NO THRESHOLD LIGHTING.	THRESHOLD LIGHTING IS INCLUDED IN STANDARD HIRL SYSTEMS.	INSTALL THRESHOLD LIGHTING.		
3	THERE IS NO EDGE LIGHTING AT TAXIWAY INTERSECTIONS.	MITL IS INCLUDED AT AIRPORTS WHERE RUNWAY LIGHTING SYSTEMS ARE INSTALLED.	INSPECT EXISTING MITL FOR FUNCTIONALITY AND INSTALL NEW MITL AT ALL TAXIWAY INTERSECTIONS.		
4	LAST 2,000' OF RUMWAY LIGHTING MISSING AMBER LENSES.	THE CAUTION ZONE (LAST 2,00° OF THE RW) OF ANY RUNWAY WITH HIRL SHALL EMIT YELLOW LIGHT IN THE DIRECTION FACING THE INSTRUMENT APPROACH THRESHOLD.	INSPECT CAUTION ZONE LIGHTING FOR FUNCTIONALITY AND REPAIR/REPLACE ALL CAUTION ZONE LIGHTING,		

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1, PRIMARY DESIGN AIRCRAFT IS THE BOEING 8-62 STRATOFORTRESS.

2. THE PORTLAND CEMENT CONCRETE PORTIONS OF THE RUNWAY ARE GROOVED FOR 1,000 x 140' (70' LEFT AND RIGHT OF CENTERLINE).

3, ALL ELEVATIONS ARE IN FEET ABOVE MEAN SEA LEVEL (AMSL).

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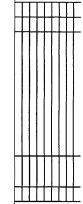
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7. MAGNETIC DECLINATION CALCULATED BY USING NOAA'S MAGNETIC DECLINATION CALCULATOR.

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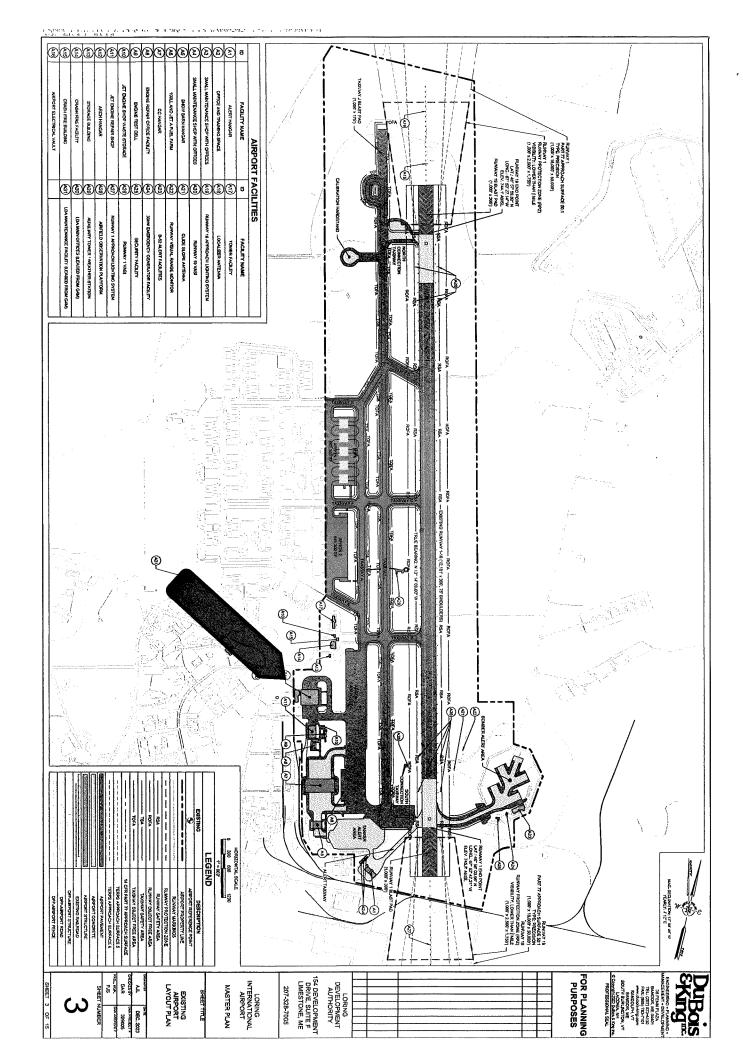
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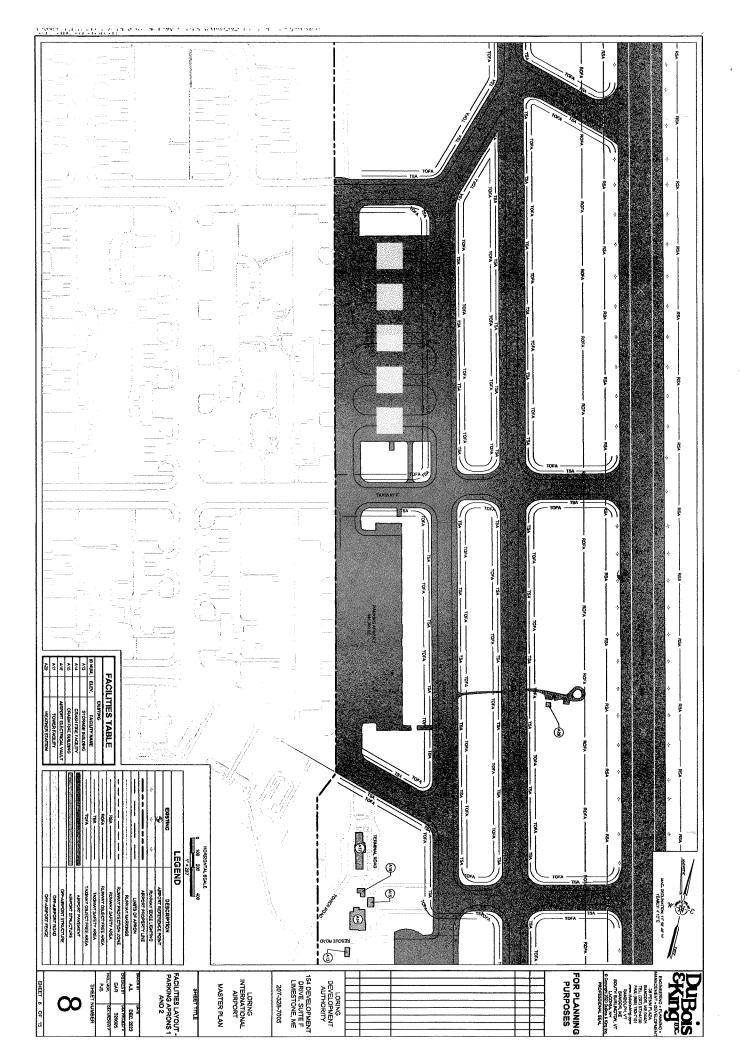
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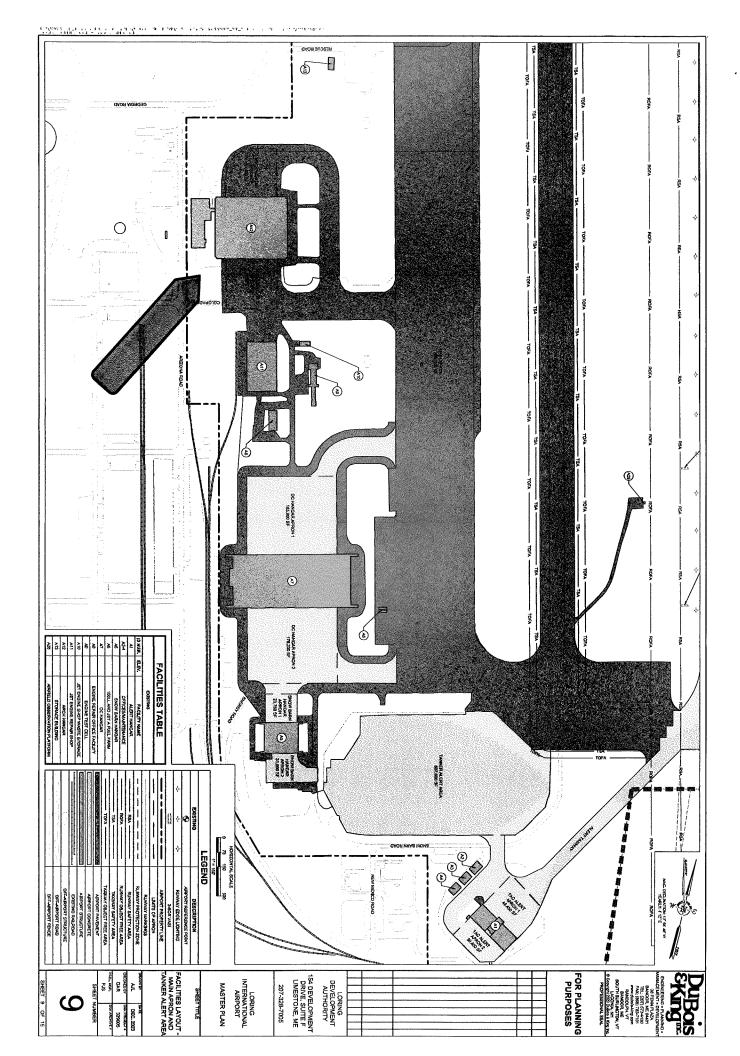
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