



March 15, 2023

The Honorable David Lislegard
Chairman
House Property Tax Division
451 State Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Chairman Lislegard:

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. And, we are proud of our Minnesota-based workforce of over 1,500 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.

We strongly support the passage of House File 3678, Airport Property Tax Exemption, which would expand the current Minnesota Statutes to create property tax exemptions for cities over 50,001 but under 150,000 in population enabling Duluth, Rochester, and St Cloud, to more competitively compete for future aviation and aerospace job growth.

Cirrus Aircraft's Minnesota Highlights:

- Manufactured over 9,000 Minnesota-built aircraft since 1994, generating more than \$6.2 billion in revenue
- Employs over 1,500 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 629 Cirrus aircraft in 2022

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 HF 1471 is critical to supporting growth of Minnesota's aviation and aerospace industry.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "George Letten".

George Letten
EVP and Chief Financial Officer
Cirrus Aircraft