

Help Fight MA Senate Bill S2305!

As noted in Flylines on June 3, 2021, Massachusetts State Senator Julian Cyr has presented Senate Bill S2305, which would impose a \$1,000 landing fee on all private, corporate. and charter aircraft landing at Massachusetts airports. Details of the bill are spelled out in AOPA's letter, below. The bill was referred to the Transportation Committee, which has scheduled a virtual hearing for Thursday, June 24, at 2:00 p.m.

According to the Committee's web page, written testimony may be submitted until 5 pm on the day of the hearing by sending testimony to: Kirsten.Centrella@mahouse.gov. To testify during the live hearing, use the following link to access registration page https://malegislature.gov/Events/Hearings/Detail/3775.

Please make your arguments against this bill known to the Transportation Committee! Your opinion counts!



1 June 2021

I am writing today to request you contact Massachusetts State Senator Julian Cyr (D-Cape & Islands) urging him to immediately withdraw S.2305, which would establish a \$1,000 'climate mitigation landing fee' on all private, corporate, and charter aircraft using airports in the State.

If signed into law, S.2305 would have an immediate and devastating impact on general aviation and each of the states 39 public use airports. According to the 2019 Massachusetts
Statewide Airport
Economic Impact Study, there are 6,939 jobs supported by the 5 publicuse airports in the Senators district alone, and over 199,237 jobs and \$24.7 Billion in economic

Save the Date!

Here is the official Save the Date poster for the New England Section Poker Run in September 2021.

Please print out a few copies to distribute at your airport or to aviation

groups: https://mcusercontent.com/8f1693d566983
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49f3356ded0c/files/2ec18165-cfa8-ed04-4866-28cc733822b2/99sPokerRunSaveTheDate
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If you would like to volunteer to help out at the Poker Run, you can sign up

here: https://forms.gle/i1nfkjaxpfV6gWcu5

A "dry run" for the Poker Run will be held at Mansfield Airport, the terminus for the event, on August 21. Details to follow.

activity supported by the aviation industry in Massachusetts. This would end GA in the State and have enormous consequences for businesses and those who rely on good paying aviation jobs to support their families.

As you may know, NASA has selected Massachusetts as one of five locations across the US to develop and implement an Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) system that is equitable, sustainable, and integrated with other transportation systems. These new green systems include electrically powered, passenger carrying aircraft— on the cutting edge of GA aircraft design and the potential for enormous environmental upside. Senator Cyr should be focused on supporting change through positive ideas, not costly negative ideas with huge collateral damage to the residents he purports to be helping.

Again, rather than



Amelia Earhart's 3rd Annual Birthday Party

Karen Mitchell and Eastern New England Chapter will be celebrating Amelia Earhart's birthday for the third consecutive year at Laconia Airport on July 17th (rain date July 18th). Karen's mom will be making her famous cupcakes!

Pack a lunch and join us! Everyone welcome! Last year, we had participants from all the New England Chapters and also New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Many brought non-99 friends or spouses.

Mark your calendar and plan to celebrate!

ENE Chapter Dues

Chapter dues are due in January, but have slipped the attention of some members this year, what with Covid and no in-person meetings and all.

Checks for \$15 made out to Eastern New England Ninety-Nines, marked Chapter Dues, should be mailed to Susan Benua, 19 Brook Lane, Berlin, MA 01503-1671.

penalizing his
constituents and the
residents of
Massachusetts, Senator
Cyr should be working
with them and seeking
solutions that incentivize
environmental technology
companies to come to
Massachusetts and create
jobs for residents of the
State.

Please call 617-722-1570 or send a personalized email

to julian.cyr@masenate.gov

- . Identify yourself as a resident of Massachusetts or constituent of his district (as appropriate) and urge Senator Cyr to:
- Immediately withdraw
 S.2305 due its detrimental impact on aviation jobs and businesses in the
 State.
- Encourage him to instead develop positive efforts to bring environmental technology companies and clean manufacturing jobs to Massachusetts.

Thank you for your time and positive

If you would like to make, an additional contribution to the Scholarship Fund, any amount in excess of \$15.00 will be put into the Scholarship Fund.

Thank you!

consideration of this request. Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information by emailing me directly at sean.collins@aopa.org.

Sincerely,

Sean Collins