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New Bedford Regional Airport Commission
Chairperson Paul Barton
1569 Airport Road
New Bedford, MA 02745

Reference: Airport Commission Meeting Agenda - June 12, 2019
Training facility for Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High
School (GNBRVTHS)

Dear Chairperson Barton and Members of the Airport Commission:

I am writing in reference to the above referenced request which is to be heard by the Airport Commission on Wednesday, June 12, 2019. Unfortunately, I am not able to attend the meeting due to a previously scheduled City Council Committee meeting being conducted for the same date and time. I would however like to offer my support for this exciting new initiative being proposed to augment the education of students in the Greater New Bedford area.

For the last several years under the leadership of Superintendent James O'Brien, GNBRVTHS has been expanding and modernizing the curriculum being offered to students in an effort to enhance their educational experience and to prepare students for today's changing workplace. The new Aviation Technology initiative, which is a natural addition to the STEM program offered at GNBRVTHS, will exposure students to the various components of aviation science and provide a seamless transition in furthering their education in collaboration with the Airport's current educational facility, Bridgewater State University.

The preliminary plans submitted for your consideration not only begin the process in making this educational program a reality for New Bedford students, it also provides another revenue stream for the Airport and restores a historically significant building located on the Airport footprint. I ask you to join me in supporting this exciting new educational initiative.

Kindly read this letter into the record of the New Bedford Regional Airport Commission meeting to make those in attendance and the general public aware of my support. Thank you in advance for your attention to this correspondence and for your favorable consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Linda M. Morad
City Council President and Councillor At Large

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