



Regarding Kenmore Aero Services' lease renewal:

As the Vice President (West) of the Washington Pilots Association I wish to demonstrate my support and the wholehearted support of our 1000 members: pilots, mechanics, builders, flyers, owners, and enthusiasts of general aviation in Washington for Kenmore Aero Services' lease renewal at Boeing Field.

We have long needed an affordable portal for small, family airplanes in Seattle. There has been support for large corporate and business aircraft but until Kenmore Aero opened last year we have been priced out of this great city. Kenmore's commitment to general aviation, their service, and affordable fuel has brought many more small aircraft to this market.

For student pilots in Seattle an affordable FBO makes the difference between continuing training and achieving a pilot's license and quitting because of time, commute, and cost of training at distant airports. We are approaching a huge commercial pilot shortage and the only way to backfill the profession is to make training affordable and accessible to the next generation of pilots. Large chain FBOs that cater to corporate jet traffic with their high fuel prices do not fill this need. Local, GA friendly businesses do.

I recently flew to St. Louis and landed at St. Louis Downtown Airport. Close in, GA friendly, reasonable fuel prices, and excellent service made the decision to stop there on my way across the country easy. I stayed, toured, spent a fair amount of money, and ever since have encouraged others to do the same. Boeing Field, as Seattle's local airport, should have the same attraction to people flying themselves and others in our area. Kenmore serves this need in an exemplary fashion. Our community and region are richer for having this diversity of FBO support at Boeing Field.

Please consider their application favorably and retain Kenmore at Boeing Field.

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