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April 26, 2013

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: SUPPORT FOR AGENDA ITEM #3: LOCAL CONTROL OF ONTARIO
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Dear LA County Board of Supervisors:

I am writing to request the adoption of LA County Board of Supervisors Agenda Item #3 for the meeting of April 30, 2013. The motion introduced by Supervisors Don Knabe and Michael D. Antonovich will promote regionalization of air service and the successful transfer of Ontario International Airport (ONT) to local control.

Under the ownership and operation of the City of Los Angeles, ONT passenger traffic has declined by 40% since 2007 as departures and destinations offered have been reduced by 56%. Current passenger traffic levels have reverted back to conditions not seen since 1985. Ontario International Airport has now become Southern California's most expensive airport and is one of the most expensive medium hub airports in the United States.

This decline has resulted in the loss of 10,100 jobs and causes a negative annual economic impact of \$500 million. Passengers from the airport's catchment area of seven million residents are now forced to bypass ONT and use LAX. As a result, two million annual passengers travel unnecessarily into LA County and contribute to LA County freeway congestion.

By adopting this motion, the LA County Board of Supervisors will join 132 cities, counties, and community organizations that have passed a formal resolution in support of local control for ONT and regionalization of air travel. In fact, to date, nearly 50 LA County cities and entities have formally committed to supporting local control of ONT. I have attached the full list for your review and additional information is available at www.SetONTarioFree.com.

Thank you for your support of today's action, and we look forward to working together with all of our partners in the Southern California region to restore Ontario International Airport as one of the region's most important economic and jobs engine.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alan Wapner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Alan D. Wapner
Council Member, City of Ontario
President, Ontario International Airport Authority

Attachment