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September 5, 2024

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
1021 O Street, Suite 9000
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Veto Request – Senate Bill 1193

Dear Governor Newsom:

I am writing today to respectfully request that you veto Senate Bill 1193.

This bill, if implemented, will prohibit the sale of leaded aviation gasoline in California after 2030.

In many general aviation aircraft with piston engines, 100-octane fuel is needed to prevent damaging detonation that can result in sudden engine failures. The only currently available 100 octane aviation fuel approved by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) contains lead in it. Consequently, this bill could effectively prohibit the operation of many general aviation aircraft in California.

Moreover, the FAA started planning the transition to unleaded fuel in September of 2022. In this plan, they noted four major factors in achieving this goal by 2030 including research and development for the octanes of fuel, FAA testing and authorization of those octanes, supply chain and deployment, and regulation and policy to support transitioning airports. Instead of respecting the FAA's process for transitioning to more environmentally friendly unleaded fuels, this bill jumps the gun and discards all four of these transition factors identified above. Rather than supporting transitioning airports with sensitivity to current technology and market availability, this bill will likely create pressures to shut these airports down entirely.

I thank you for your consideration, I respectfully request that you veto SB-1193. Please feel free to contact me with any questions at (916) 651-4032.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kelly Seyarto".

Kelly Seyarto
Senator, 32nd District