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Good afternoon Members of the Subcommittee. My name is Lucy Dunn. I am President and Chief Executive Officer of Orange County Business Council, and a Board Member of the Ontario International Airport Authority.

Orange County Business Council is a leading advocate for business on important issues locally, regionally and nationally. We work to grow Orange County's economy, to preserve a high quality of life by promoting economic development countywide, and serve as a unified voice for business in America's sixth largest county.

To understand why the Orange County business community is vitally interested in the future success of Ontario International Airport, one would only need to drive from anywhere in Orange County to LAX.

Those of us in Orange County recognize that our hometown airport, John Wayne Airport, is constrained. Until 2015, the number of passengers is legally capped at 10.8 million per year. Even if the cap was to be relaxed or lifted, there is an absolute limit to how much of the growth and demand for air service it can accommodate. In addition, due to its physical footprint, John Wayne Airport is limited by its single runway for commercial jets.

For a time, it seemed El Toro Marine Naval Air Station, in Irvine, might be converted to an international airport. However, airport proposals were defeated in two ballot initiatives, and eventually the airport opponents prevailed. Ontario International Airport quickly emerged as the best long-term solution for unconstrained airport capacity in Southern California to serve the large and growing Southern California market.

If you've had the good fortune to fly in or out of Ontario International Airport, you know it is a convenient airport with great ground access, great parking, and modern terminals and facilities. Forbes named it “Southern California's Best Alternate Airport.” Ontario International Airport

offers parallel runways that can accommodate the largest airliners in the world, including the Airbus A-380. Ontario International Airport can easily accommodate 12 million annual passengers. For residents in northern Orange County, Ontario International Airport is a wonderful choice because it offers the air service and nonstop destinations business travelers demand, and is close to home.

Ontario International Airport is ideally and uniquely situated to serve the needs of business and leisure travelers in the four-county region. Additionally, and very important to the business community, Ontario handles a significant amount of the region's cargo volume. I am convinced under the governance of the Ontario International Airport Authority it will realize its full potential, not only as a major international airport, but also as a vital economic engine for the region.

I am pleased and honored to serve as a Board Member of the Ontario International Airport Authority. I look forward to working with my fellow Board Members to help Ontario International Airport achieve success as an integral part of the Southern California network of airports.

Thank you.

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Lucy Dunn
Orange County Business Council
President and CEO

Lucy Dunn is President and CEO of Orange County Business Council, where she leads a dynamic organization of business members, working with academia and government, to ensure the county's economic prosperity and high quality of life.

Before joining the Business Council, Lucy was appointed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and confirmed by the California State Senate in 2004 to serve as Director of the California Department of Housing and Community Development. In June 2008, Governor Schwarzenegger appointed her to the California Transportation Commission and in 2012, Governor Jerry Brown appointed her to serve a second four year term. She also served as a member of the Green Building Code Advisory Committee of the California Building and Standards Commission developing the nation's first green building standards. She is a member of Orange County's working group to develop the county's 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness, and serves as a member to a small business advisory committee for AQMD.

Lucy twice received the California State Legislature "Woman of the Year" in 1997 and in 2009 for her civic involvement and influence. In 2001, she served as the first woman president in the 80-year history of the Building Industry Association of Southern California. She serves on the boards of numerous organizations including Southern California Association of Governments' GLUE Council, Mobility 21, Association of California Cities—OC, Orange County Taxpayers Association and Pacific Symphony. She a co-founder of the state-wide Real Economic Association Leadership Coalition, an association of CEO's of the state's 19 largest business advocacy groups.

She is the recipient of numerous honors and awards. In 2005, she received California Building Industry Association's D. Gregg Brown Award for "passionate and effective advocacy on behalf of housing." The Orange County Business Journal honored her with its 2006 "Women in Business" award, and in 2007, she received the prestigious "Vision and Visionaries" Award from her alma mater, California State University, Fullerton. In 2008, she received the Women in Transportation Seminar-OC Chapter "Woman of the Year" award for advancing women in transportation and for leadership in renewal of Orange County's Measure M for transportation. She has been twice named as one of OC Metro's "20 Women to Watch." In 2011, she received SCAG's Private Sector Partner of the year, and as "Person of the Year" by the California Transportation Foundation in 2012.

Lucy is an attorney admitted to practice before the California State Bar, the federal bar and the U.S. Supreme Court. She is a director of a number of non-profit organizations including the Lennar Charitable Housing Foundation dedicated to ending homelessness, and founder of the Bolsa Chica Conservancy dedicated to advocating for and restoring 1000 acres of wetlands in Huntington Beach. She also performs with two professional chamber choral ensembles: Meritage and Meistersingers.

She is the mother of two adult sons who reside in San Francisco, one of whom is a San Francisco Deputy Sheriff and the other an account manager for a major online marketing firm.

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(2) Other than yourself, name of entity you are representing:
Orange County Business Council and Ontario Joint Powers Authority

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YES If yes, please provide the information requested below and attach your curriculum vitae.

NO

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None.



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Signature

Date