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## A Letter From Ed Bolen, NBAA President and CEO

Dear Aviation Professional,

As I've recently told NBAA Members, user fees are back, and our industry needs to act. The situation has only become more pressing, and I need you to take renewed action; here's why.

As the stalemate in the negotiations over the debt ceiling between the White House and congress continues, and the deadline for finding a resolution looms ever closer, policymakers have continued to explore a host of proposals for raising revenues, including user fees. Discussions have included proposals for per-flight fees ranging from \$25 to \$100 and beyond.

Clearly, we need to raise the volume on this issue with congress. NBAA has established a toll-free Legislative Action hotline you can use to call upon your representatives to oppose user fees in any debt-ceiling legislation. The number to use is: **1-877-727-5074**

Once you dial the number, you'll receive confirmation that you have reached NBAA's Legislative Action hotline. You'll then be asked to enter your postal zip code, so that you can be matched with your Representative and two Senators. After that, some simple points you can make in your conversations with your legislators will be provided.

We need your help to stop user fees. We know they have greatly harmed general aviation in parts of the world where they are in place. We know they would create an enormous administrative burden for compliance with a new collection bureaucracy. We know that if they were implemented as part of the current debate in Washington, they would do nothing to strengthen our nation's aviation system for the future.

NBAA Members have answered my previous alert over this issue by using the Association's Contact Congress resource to flood lawmakers with messages opposing user fees. While we are thankful for such an impressive show of mobilization and support to date, it's clear that now is not the time to rest on our laurels.

Like all Americans, the business aviation community understands that the nation's debt and deficit are serious issues that must be addressed. But, user fees for general aviation would be devastating

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### CABA Mission Statement

Our mission is to foster and promote aviation related business throughout Colorado; to collectively address and respond to issues impacting Colorado Airports, including safety and operational effectiveness; to educate the general public about all aviation activities in the state, and to preserve the

to an industry that directly generates much-needed jobs and economic activity. I know we can count on you to call your members of congress today, and ensure that they understand this message.

Thank you for your continued support.

## HELP Preserve the BARR by Making a Contribution Today

Dear CABA Members,

You may have seen the recent news from NBAA, as well as our Membership Alert, regarding the pending changes to the Block Aircraft Registration Request (BARR) Program. Our industry leaders within NBAA and AOPA are partnering in order to combat this risk to our industry. A legal fund has been created to finance the action needed to combat this dangerous legislation.

CABA has been called upon to help support this industry effort. We are requesting corporate donations, which we will collect and submit to NBAA and AOPA in one lump sum, on behalf of our members in Colorado. A portion of CABA's operating budget will also be added to the contribution. It is important that we show the strength of our membership in Colorado. We will be sending our submission on Monday August 1st. If you would like to make a donation, please follow the steps below. Please submit your donations prior to August 1st. Thank you in advance for your support to this important industry issue.

To-date we have collected 500\$. Thank you to CABA members who have already sent donations.

[Click Here to Donate](#)

You may contact congress and advocate for your industry at the following link:

<http://www.nbaa.org/advocacy/contact/>

## Unique Opportunity to Promote Colorado Airports and Communities in Movies

The Colorado Office of Film, Television & Media is building their library of on-line aerial photographs for potential film producers to access to assist with their location decisions. If your airport has an aerial photograph or link, especially with an aerial of your town/community, please send that information to:

Laura Grey  
Location & Community Manager

state's airport related businesses as valuable economic assets to the community at large.

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Office of Film Television & Media  
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1625 Broadway, STE 2700  
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Yes, they are very aware of Google-earth maps.  
Also, if your airport has a unique structure as the APA tower or other buildings which might be reflective of an older era or "retro" which might get the attention of a film location finder, please work with [Laura.Grey@state.co.us](mailto:Laura.Grey@state.co.us)

Help build the on-line location library. Let's make movies in Colorado!  
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## Denver's Metro State Captures Loening Trophy

Metropolitan State College of Denver's Department of Aviation and Aerospace Science has captured the 2011 Loening Trophy, which recognizes the most outstanding all-around collegiate aviation program in the country.

Metro State's Precision Flight Team was awarded the Loening Trophy at the 2011 SAFECON (Safety and Flight Evaluation Conference) competition hosted by Ohio State University, May 16-21. The award is presented annually by the National Intercollegiate Flying Association (NIFA) foundation. A special trophy presentation is planned in Denver later this year.

## Congressional Impasse Forces FAA Shutdown

The failure of Congress to agree on an extension of the FAA's operating authorization by Saturday forced the agency to furlough nearly 4,000 employees and issue stop-work orders on projects ranging from the construction of new towers to the rehabilitation and modernization of air traffic facilities. Air traffic controllers and other FAA employees essential to air safety remain on the job. According to the Aerospace Industries Association, the congressional impasse will cost the government more than \$200 million a week in lost revenue, since the FAA is no longer authorized to collect ticket and fuel tax revenues. The FAA was forced to suspend awarding contracts for new towers in Cleveland and Fort Lauderdale, Fla., because the agency cannot access the Airport and Airway Trust Fund. In addition to halting construction on seven new towers, the FAA issued stop-work orders for \$370 million in contracts with Jacobs Engineering of Pasadena, Calif., for architectural, design, engineering and planning services for existing and future air traffic

facilities. Other airport projects also are affected because the FAA is a primary funding source through the Airport Improvement Program, which is also unable to operate without legislature authorization. Congressional action on passing what would be the 21st temporary extension to reauthorize the FAA appears to be in limbo, meaning there is no end in sight to the agency shutdown.

## Wings for our World

Sustainability in Aviation - Fuels, Propulsion and the Future

Join us to learn how the business of aviation is promoting sustainability and addressing environmental challenges, today and into the future. Wings Over the Rockies and The Lindbergh Foundation are proud to present a luncheon event to help others understand and appreciate how aviation can sustain the important balances between man, energy and the environment.

**August 31st 2011**

**Wings Over the Rockies Air & Space Museum**, 7711 East Academy Boulevard, Denver, CO

11:30 AM - Networking

12:00 PM - 1:30PM Business Luncheon

Speakers:

George Bye-CEO, Bye Aerospace; The Green Flight Program

John Peterson-Futurist; President and Founder, Arlington Institute

Gregg Maryniak-Director, J.S. McDonnell Planetarium; Board

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Individual Tickets: \$50/Table of 10 "The Green Table":\$600

For more information or tickets, please contact Alex Yampolsky at:  
[ayampolsky@wingmuseum.org](mailto:ayampolsky@wingmuseum.org) or 303-360-5360x110

## Visit the CABA Website! We have added forums and blogs.

We recommend you visit the CABA Website to keep informed on events and exciting news happening in your Colorado Aviation Community.

Please contact Nathalie Drolet with any news or events you would like to share with your CO Aviation colleagues [NDrolet@mycaba.org](mailto:NDrolet@mycaba.org). You may also contact Nathalie if you wish to sponsor any CABA event! Thank you in advance for playing your part.

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