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September 13, 2022

Re: Citizen Proposal to have the Bishop Airport renamed "The Bishop – Dave McCoy Airport."

Honorable Inyo County Board of Supervisors,

At the September 6, 2022 Mono County Board of Supervisors meeting, we had the pleasure of discussing the proposal to your Board of renaming your airport to the Bishop Dave McCoy Airport. We truly appreciate the opportunity to provide input to the matter.

In a profile published for his 100th birthday, Powder magazine wrote, "Through grit and determination, Dave McCoy gave the world Mammoth Mountain; the Eastern Sierra is indebted to Dave McCoy for his contribution to our community." Dave McCoy's impact on the Eastern Sierra is legendary and extremely deserving of this distinction. Dave McCoy always considered the entire region with his actions and led by example.

We believe that your Board, like Dave McCoy, will make a decision that takes the entire region of the Eastern Sierra and community into consideration. We also recommend using this opportunity to include an acknowledgement of the Native people of our region, as well, if not in the name of the airport, perhaps somewhere inside the airport. The most important part of an airport's name is that it remains identifiable to travelers seeking to enjoy the Eastern Sierra region. As Dave McCoy once said, "The most fun is having fun," and we want to make sure that your airport can easily be found by those wishing to have fun here. We support any recognition of his contribution to our community, knowing that an acknowledgement of Dave McCoy's contributions will not diminish the contributions of many others to our community.

We understand the airport is under the authority of Inyo County so your Board ultimately bears the responsibility for this decision. We trust that you will make the best decision for the region.

Respectfully,

Bob Gardner

Bob Gardner (Sep 13, 2022 11:50 PDT)

Bob Gardner, Chair

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