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To: [Carmen P. Forte Jr.](#)

Subject: Consent to Assignment to Amended and Restated Ground Lease of Real Estate at the Aurora Municipal Airport dated August 1, 2020

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Dear Mr. Forte,

As counsel for CL Enterprises LLC and its wholly owned aviation business Carver Aero LLC, I submit this email letter to you in support of the Consent to Assignment of Lease now pending before the city council and request that you kindly convey this letter to the City of Aurora and the city council.

CL Enterprises is a family owned investment company based in rural Peru, IL. The origin of CL Enterprises dates back to 1915, when Inga Carus' grandfather started a chemical manufacturing business in LaSalle, Illinois. Inga Carus is the Chairman of the Board of Carus LLC, an international company, that still manufactures its products in LaSalle with its worldwide headquarters just down the street in Peru, Illinois. CL Enterprises owns and operates a farming business, hospitality businesses including brewpubs, restaurants and hotels, a fine custom cabinetry woodworking business, a real estate business and, of course, aviation related businesses. CL Enterprises prides itself on investing in small towns in the Midwest, seeking to build prosperity through job creation.

Carver Aero has been in existence since the mid-1980's and has been a successful Fixed Base Operator in Davenport and Muscatine, Iowa. The family owned Carver Aero was acquired by CL Enterprises in December 2019 from the Carver family, who founded the company. Since then Carver Aero has embarked on a growth and expansion program with the support of CL Enterprises and has acquired two additional family owned FBO businesses, one in Council Bluffs, Iowa and one in Janesville, Wisconsin. At each of Carver Aero's locations the company works very closely with the city and the airport authority on economic development initiatives to help grow the airport and surrounding region. References from each city are available should you find them helpful.

LumanAir was founded sixty-five years ago and has been operated by the Luman family ever since. Carver Aero has been working with LumanAir and Bob and Mike Luman since the fall of 2020, discussing and then negotiating the acquisition of the Lumanair business at the Aurora airport. It is the intent of Carver Aero to acquire the LumanAir business once the Consent to Assignment is executed by the city.

Carver intends to immediately invest in the Aurora Airport, expanding operations and contribute to its growth. Carver Aero is aware of the Minimum Standards for Commercial Activities at the Aurora Municipal Airport, and is committed to meeting the standards as they exist today. In addition, Carver intends to modernize the existing FBO building, add more hangar space and bring charter service to the airport. Further, Carver has engaged with local and regional community colleges to introduce a training and apprenticeship program for maintenance experts and for flight students.

CL Enterprises and Carver Aero respectfully request the City of Aurora to execute the Consent to Assignment so that plans may move forward to acquire the LumanAir business and begin working on its long term plans of improvement. Carver Aero looks forward to working with the other tenants at the airport and with the City to help grow the airport into its full potential as a major contributor to the City of Aurora's and the region's economy.

Thank you,

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