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June 9, 2016

Senator Robert Hertzberg, Chair
Senate Committee on Governance and Finance
State Capitol, Room 408
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 724 (DODD & FRAZIER) – SALES AND USE TAXES: EXEMPTION: MUSEUM DISPLAYS: JIMMY DOOLITTLE AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM EDUCATION FOUNDATION • SUPPORT •

Dear Senator Hertzberg,

I am pleased to support Assembly Bill 724, which would add the Jimmy Doolittle Air and Space Museum Education Foundation to the list of museums whose purchase of display pieces are exempt from sales and use tax.

Under existing law, the San Diego Air and Space Museum and the California Science Center's purchases of property used exclusively for display purposes within the museum are exempt from sales and use tax. No other aviation museums are provided the same exemptions.

The Jimmy Doolittle Air and Space Museum Education Foundation has an opportunity to add the fully restored 1932 "Shell Lockheed Vega" flown by General Doolittle to its historic aircraft collection. Fifty percent of the aircraft has been donated. The Foundation would like to purchase the remaining 50 percent but it will be a challenge to raise sufficient funding to make this purchase. Exempting this purchase from sales and use tax will assist them in acquiring this antique aircraft.

AB 724 will allow an important piece of aviation history to be displayed for Californians and tourists to enjoy. Therefore, I urge your support when the bill is heard in your committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "G. Runner".

GEORGE RUNNER
1st District

cc: Assemblymembers Dodd and Frazier
Scott Chavez, Consultant, Senate Republican Office of Policy