



Hermantown Area Chamber Of Commerce

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Energizing Business

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RE: Passenger Facilities Charge

Our Board of Directors has given deep consideration to the Passenger Facilities Charge (PFC) in order to confidently determine the Hermantown Area Chamber of Commerce position.

The long-term success of the Duluth International Airport is critical to our region's economic stability and future growth. As mentioned, the current PFC rate of \$4.50, set 15 years ago, has not kept up with today's construction costs. This locally collected fee - paid by passengers to the airport to be invested in capital improvements, is an important funding mechanism that supports the airport's continued success.

The Board of Directors of the Hermantown Area Chamber of Commerce unanimously voted yes in the resolution to support the Duluth International Airport's position on the Passenger Facility Charge increase from the current \$4.50 fee to \$8.50.

Should the PFC increase occur, we trust and value knowing the dollars will be put to good use supporting local jobs, retaining businesses and promoting economic growth in our area.