

# City of Kinston

Office of the Mayor



July 3, 2013

Governor McCrory  
20301 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, NC 27699-0301

RE: Kinston Regional Jetport

Dear Governor McCrory:

As you may be aware, the 2013 sequestration calls for the reduction in several FAA federal contract control towers across the country starting in September including the Kinston Regional Jetport (ISO). I am writing this letter to emphasize the potential impact this could cause to eastern North Carolina and graciously request your assistance in helping to keep this control tower open.

Kinston's Regional Airport is vital to the economic growth and stability of eastern North Carolina; losing this control tower would be a major detriment to continued growth and development for this entire region, not only the City of Kinston and greater Lenoir County. This airport has over 10,000 annual documented operations per year all vital to military operations across the eastern seaboard. In 2012, ten (10) different military bases used this airport for training operations and routine aviation activities including Andrews Air Force base with Air Force One and the entire Presidential Fleet. Kinston's airport is conveniently located in the heart of several military installations across eastern North Carolina; having one of the longest runways in this area at 11,500 feet and is stressed for over 700,000 pounds.

The City of Kinston is highly concerned at the potential loss of this control tower and the unanticipated impact. I implore you to help us find a way to keep this control tower open for the economic well-being and growth of our State. If you should have further questions or concerns, do not hesitate to call me at (252) 286-3050.

Respectfully,

BJ Murphy, Mayor  
City of Kinston

cc:

Tony Sears, Kinston City Manager  
Kinston City Council  
Mike Jarman, Lenoir County Manager