

Mayors tell Obama of GA benefits to towns, economy

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On May 6, mayors and county executives from across the country will release an open letter to President Barack H. Obama explaining to him the crucial importance that general aviation provides to small towns and local economies.

Nearly 70 civic officials have signed the letter. Wichita Mayor Carl Brewer also renewed his invitation to the President to visit Wichita and see the toll that the economic downturn has taken there in terms of massive lay-offs, and the ripple effect that the downturn has had on Wichita and the more than 5,000 communities around the country which depend on general aviation, many with little or no commercial air service.