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San Gabriel Valley Legislative Coalition of Chambers

April 20, 2012

Mayor Paul S. Leon City of Ontario City Hall 303 East "B" Street Ontario, CA 91764

RE: TRANSFER OF ONTARIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (ONT) TO LOCAL CONTROL

Dear Mayor Leon,

The San Gabriel Valley Legislative Coalition of Chambers, a consortium of regional and local chambers of commerce advocating for the small business community, **SUPPORTS** the transfer of Ontario International Airport (ONT) to local control. The Legislative Coalition understands that under local control, ONT can better meet the long-term demand for air service in Southern California while reducing freeway traffic and associated automotive emissions.

Changing circumstances in the airline industry and the Southern California market demonstrate that local control of ONT would be of best interest to the entire region, especially Los Angeles and San Gabriel Valley. Under local control, ONT will be able to operate on the same basis as the other regional secondary airports (Burbank, Orange County, Long Beach and Palm Springs).

Furthermore, the San Gabriel Valley Legislative Coalition of Chambers understands that the local control of ONT will help ensure that all of Southern California will have optimum use of airport capacity to meet the long-term demand for air travel. Now is the time for Inland Empire and City of Los Angeles officials to come together and implement the transfer of ONT airport to local control.

Sincerely,

Arun D. Tolia, Chairman

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