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Greetings Everyone:

In an effort to keep the community up to date on the NASA runway project, I would like to give you periodic updates on our progress. If you don't want to be included, please email me & I'll remove you from the list.

Thanks to everyone that took time to attend the Plum Brook tour last month. Thanks to General Stringer and Pat Shenigo for hosting us. We hope to conduct additional tours in the future for those interested. Let me know if there is someone we should invite. I encourage everyone to take the tour and see the world class facilities in our own back yard. You may have noticed that the Governor toured shortly after our visit. He seems to have received the message & understands the importance.

Two weeks ago, a small team of Erie and Huron County representatives traveled to the Washington area. We toured the new FDA Research Lab at White Oak Maryland and met with a very dedicated group of "volunteers" who attracted this premier facility to an abandoned Navy base. They have created 10,000+ jobs. There are many interesting parallels to Plum Brook, which we hope to expand on in the near future.

Ellen Heinz and I stayed an extra day to visit our political leadership in Washington D.C. and promote the airstrip. We met with Senator Sherrod Brown, Congresswoman Kaptur and Congressman Latta. I am happy to report that all are very knowledgeable about the project and are in agreement that it needs to happen. The next step is to find funding. We hope to travel to Columbus in the next few weeks to meet with the Governor. The purpose of the trip is to make certain that our voices are heard.

HOW CAN YOU HELP? Please contact our elected officials, both Federal and State to voice your opinion. I am attaching a copy of the talking points which we used on our D.C. visits to make sure we give a consistent message. I would also encourage you to look through the attached NASA Plum Brook Runway information (condensed version courtesy of Pat Shenigo). In the spirit of going straight to the top, you can also email the President at www.whitehouse.gov/CONTACT/ just to make sure everyone knows what we're all about. There will be a drop-down box: Select "comment on a policy matter" and then select "job creation." Use the phrase "NASA Plum Brook" as your first sentence.

It would be great to get feedback from anyone that decides to help. Please send me a brief email (or a copy of any letters) so I can track our progress. If I can assist in any way, let me know.

Thanks for your help,
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