

The Readers' Forum

Shaw is the vice chairman. Several other local officials signed this letter. — the editor



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An everlasting impact

The Airport Commission of Forsyth County strongly supports the Forsyth Technical Community College bond that is on the Nov. 8 ballot.

A portion of the bond includes approximately \$16 million for an aviation center at Smith Reynolds Airport, which will provide hangar, shop and lab space for technology education and training in the aerospace manufacturing and maintenance service industries.

Forsyth Tech provides affordable, practical education to people all across our county and is an essential component of our community's economic growth. It works to prepare young people for the workforce and helps retrain older workers to compete in today's economy. As a result, Forsyth Tech is one of the county's most important economic resources and helps expand the workforce and tax base and improve our ability to compete with other communities.

Forsyth County has a rich history in aviation. Companies such as North State Aviation, Piedmont Propulsion and Signature Flight Support are regularly hiring, and the current locally-trained workforce is falling behind the demand. If passed, the bond will allow Forsyth Tech to begin training students for available jobs at Smith Reynolds Airport and beyond. Further, the availability of skilled workers is a big asset in attracting new start-up businesses or existing companies looking to relocate to our area.

The ACFC firmly believes the bond will have an everlasting positive impact on the airport and the community at large.

Pier is the chairman of the Airport Commission;

