## **Expert Opinion Letter (Confidential)**

Analysis of Positional Requirements for National Interest Waiver

Evaluator: Thomas Schaner

Information: Aviation Capstone Coordinator & Lecturer, Ohio State University (Ret); President, PilotResources, Inc.; Training Checking Evaluator, FlightSafety International: Aviation Training Director Optimal Aviation

# EDUCATION

Master of Business Administration in Transportation, Logistics, and Operations Management Ohio State University, Columbus OH

Bachelor of Science in Aero Technology and Business Management

Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH

# PROFESSIONAL LICENSES

* Airline Transport Pilot: LR-JET, CE560XL type ratings
* Advanced & Instrument Ground Instructor
* Certified Flight Instructor
* FAR 135 Instructor Pilot / Check Airman
* Designed Employee Representative
* Epsilon Pi Tau
* Six Sigma White Belt Trained
* Project Management Inst.

# PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2015 to 2022 Ohio State University, Columbus OH

Aviation Capstone Coordinator, Aviation Curriculum Development & Lecturer (Retired)

1999 to present PilotResources, Inc., Etna OH

President and Founder

2017 to present FlightSafety International, Columbus OH

Pilot Instructor, Training Checking Evaluator CE560XL programs

2022 to present Optimal Aviation, Ann Arbor MI

Director, Aviation Training

2015 to 2017 AirNet II, LLC, Columbus OH

Director, Operations

2012 to 2014 AirNet Systems, Inc, Columbus OH

Vice President, Operations

2005 to 2012 AirNet Systems, Inc, Columbus OH

Director, Operations

2002 to 2005 AirNet Systems, Inc, Columbus OH

Chief Pilot

2000 to 2002 AirNet Systems, Inc, Columbus OH

Assistant Chief Pilot

1992 to 2000 AirNet Systems, Inc, Columbus OH

Instructor Pilot/Checkairman

1990 to 1992 AirNet Systems, Inc, Columbus OH

Line Pilot, Captain

# FLIGHT TIME ACCUMULATED

PIC 8,200

SIC 500

Turboprop PIC 360

Turbojet PIC 850

Instrument 640

Turbojet 1,350

Flight Instructor 2,300+

## **Total Flight Time 8,800+**

I am providing this opinion letter based on my experience in the field of Aeronautical Science and Aviation.

Regarding my academic background, I obtained a Bachelor of Science in Aero Technology and Business Management at Bowling Green State University in Ohio, in addition to a Master of Business Administration in Transportation, Logistics, and Operations Management from Ohio State University.

My professional career has been dedicated to Aviation and Aeronautical Science. I have extensive work experience as a lecturer and pilot for the last 40 years. I am a versatile educator and management professional specializing in aviation with over 20 years of experience teaching, instructing, and leading operations units focused on driving success-oriented, high-level individual, class, group, and team performance.

Throughout the years of my professional experience, in addition to more than 30 years serving the aviation industry as an instructor pilot and pilot evaluator, I have become highly competent in operations and logistics management, cross-functional team leadership, creative solution formulation, time and resource optimization, and project management. Furthermore, I have accumulated over 8,000 flight hours as an airline transport pilot and possess an in-depth knowledge of P&L management, operations integration, and safety program development.

Furthermore, I have integrated charter, cargo, and business operation management and marketing principles into Aviation Management & Marketing Curriculum; integrated project management principles into the Aviation Capstone Curriculum; formed and led a cross-functional group to optimize air and ground networks resulting in an average of $5 million annual savings; and initiated a plan to improve training programs, including migrating many to internet-based solutions, to increase standardization, team performance and reduce annual costs by more than $150,000.

Given my academic training and professional experience, I am qualified to offer an expert opinion letter.

Sincerely,

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Thomas Schaner

Aviation Capstone Coordinator & Lecturer