



## **MEMORANDUM for RECORD**

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**Eastern Region Aviation**

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**Date: June 8, 2020**  
**Person Contacted: Gary Mitchell, [REDACTED]**  
**NTSB Accident Number: ERA20CA144 – Lake Hickory, NC**

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This investigator spoke to Mr. Mitchell by phone. He considered himself an “advocate” for the pilot, Mr. Myron Mitchell, and was responding on his behalf:

In the NTSB Form 6120.1, the pilot reported that the takeoff was aborted “...in the interest of safety.”

The NTSB IIC requested clarification of this statement. Mr. Gary Mitchell responded that there was a bridge and power lines in the direction of takeoff, and clearing them was not assured, so the pilot elected to abort the takeoff.