



March 17, 2020

Honorable Steve Dickson, Administrator  
Federal Aviation Administration  
800 Independence Ave., S.W.  
Washington, DC 20591

Dear Administrator Dickson:

I write today to respectfully request, on behalf of the more than 300,000 members of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, the FAA provide the maximum amount of flexibility and support within its authority to provide extensions and/or relief from regulatory time restrictions for pilots and aircraft owners for the duration of the COVID-19 crisis.

We support the decisive and needed actions taken by the President and his Administration to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Like the public at large, active general aviation pilots have also been impacted by these actions.

We are already seeing challenges for many future and current pilots and operators of aircraft in meeting the requirements under the federal regulations within prescribed time periods and/or off-site locations. For example, federal requirements require pilots to renew their medical certificate in person, to complete their pilot certification examinations within a certain amount of time, and to complete knowledge tests at off-site testing facilities. The current restrictions to the U.S. population create an impossible barrier for these individuals to meet the necessary airman and aircraft requirements.

We appreciate your positive consideration and timely implementation of this request and look forward to working with you to assist in this effort.

Sincerely,

Mark R. Baker  
President and CEO