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Ms. Patricia G. Smith
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Washington, DC 20590

RE: FAA-2007-27310; Requirements for Amateur Rocket Activities

Dear Ms. Smith:

The Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA), representing more than 413,000 general aviation pilots, recommends adding clear guidance to its Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) that will prohibit the use of flight restrictions for amateur rocket activities. In addition, all amateur rocket activities should be conducted in a manner that allows for safe integration with other existing operations in the National Airspace System.

AOPA opposes the use of temporary flight restrictions for any amateur rocket activities and is concerned with the lack of guidance in the proposed changes to policy requirements for amateur rocket activities. AOPA recommends that the Federal Aviation Administration adopt a policy that addresses this concern.

AOPA appreciates the opportunity to comment on this issue. If AOPA can be of any assistance, please contact me at 301.695.2207.

Sincerely,

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