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The Honorable Janet Napolitano
Secretary
Department of Homeland Security
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Dear Secretary Napolitano,

I am writing to express concern with the Large Aircraft Security Program, Other Aircraft Operator Security Program, and Airport Operator Security Program (73 FR 64789; 10/30/08) (Docket No. TSA-2008-0021).

People in aviation in my district have expressed serious concerns that the regulations as published were overly broad and unduly burdensome in relation to the amount of additional security the TSA hopes to achieve. I am asking that these rules be reconsidered with members of the industry in the hopes of accommodating our real security concerns as well as the interests of aviation commerce in an open society.

The American people expect every reasonable precaution to be taken to protect the homeland. But as you no doubt have heard, professional pilots in aviation say the threshold plane weight for the rules was placed too low at 12,500 pounds. Other requirements in the proposal have met with similar opposition. I wonder if the security goals can be accommodated through more efficient means.

Would it be possible to withdraw the proposed rule and work collaboratively with the aviation industry to address our security concerns?

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob Inglis".

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