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August 14, 2014

The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590-0001

Dear Secretary Foxx:

I write to urge the Department of Transportation (DOT) and the Administration to expedite and complete the review of the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) regarding third-class medical certification within the next 30 days.

As you may know, this NPRM would expand a successful program long used by light sport aircraft users to allow a limited number of general aviation pilots to use a driver's license instead of a third class medical certificate to demonstrate fitness to fly. For certain low-risk types of flying, a FAA third-class medical certificate poses an unnecessary bureaucratic hurdle for Alaska pilots. One of the reasons I founded the Senate General Aviation Caucus was to help ensure federal agencies responded to common-sense ideas like this from the general aviation community. I encourage DOT to work review this NPRM within the next 30 days.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to reach out to Stef Claus on my staff. You can reach her at stef_claus@begich.senate.gov or at (202) 224-3004.

I look forward to seeing you in Alaska later this week, and I appreciate your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Mark Begich
United States Senator