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Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Anthony Foxx  
Secretary  
Department of Transportation  
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Secretary Foxx:

Recently, the FAA forwarded to you a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) on Limited Private-Pilot Privileges for Pilots Who Do Not Currently Hold an FAA Airman Medical Certificate. The NPRM would expand that standard to more pilots and aircraft. We are writing today to urge your Department of Transportation to expedite and complete the review of the FAA's NPRM within the next 30 days.

For more than a decade, the FAA has allowed individuals using Sport Pilot certificates to fly without going through the cumbersome and costly process of acquiring a third-class medical certificate. That approach has proven to be both safe and effective.

We routinely hear from pilots across the country about their frustration with the FAA's slow progress on this issue, which the FAA has reviewed extensively for the past two-and-a-half years. To that end, we introduced the General Aviation Pilot Protection Act (H.R. 3708) to expand the number of pilots who could fly without the need for a medical certificate. This bipartisan legislation, which currently has 129 co-sponsors in the House of Representatives, has the potential to improve safety by keeping pilots in the aircraft they are familiar with and providing them with additional tools to assess their fitness to fly.

General aviation plays a valuable role in our transportation system and our economy. The United States is the global leader in general aviation manufacturing and flying, but in recent years the industry has declined significantly. By implementing reforms that would lower costs and reduce the bureaucratic process associated with flying we can help ensure that America continues to lead the world in general aviation.

As cosponsors of the General Aviation Pilot Protection Act, we appreciate your immediate attention to this matter as it is very important to general aviation pilots in our states and nationwide. Should you require additional information please contact Tom Borck in Rep. Rokita's office at Tom.Borck@mail.house.gov or 202-225-5037.

Sincerely



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