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The Honorable John Rockefeller
Chairman
Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, &
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254 Russell Senate Office Building
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The Honorable John Mica
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House Committee on Transportation
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2251 Rayburn House Building
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The Honorable Kay Bailey Hutchison
Ranking Member
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560 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Nick Rahall
Ranking Member
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2307 Rayburn House Building
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Dear Chairmen Rockefeller and Mica, and Ranking Members Hutchison and Rahall,

I write you today to express my appreciation for the hard work done by you and your staff to advance a Federal Aviation Administration reauthorization bill. I am confident that when this bill becomes law, it will be a much-needed boost to our economy and help provide greater security for America's air travelers.

During conference committee negotiations, one component of this bill I wish to bring to your attention concerns the overseas maintenance of commercial airplanes. I believe that Congress should ensure that planes which are serviced overseas are held to the same standards as those serviced in the United States. This means providing for increased ability to inspect facilities, improved drug and alcohol testing, increased mechanic certification, required proficiency in the English language, and general heightened supervision.

Thank you again for your leadership in advancing our country's transportation priorities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael C. Burgess".

Michael C. Burgess, M.D.
Member of Congress