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The Honorable John Mica
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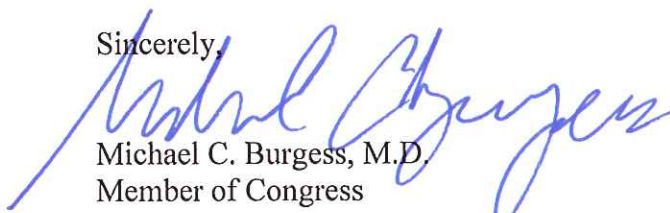
Dear Mr. Chairman,

I write you today to express my appreciation for the hard work done by you and the Transportation Committee to advance a Federal Aviation Administration reauthorization bill. I am confident that once 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 with the Senate, 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 dedication and leadership in advancing our country's transportation priorities.

Sincerely,


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Member of Congress