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Re: Docket No FAA-2001-11129.
Firearms, Less-Than-Lethal Weapons and Emergency Services on Commercial Flights.

Dear Sir or Madam:

The purpose of this letter is to urge you to recommend to the Department of Transportation and the President that pilots and flight deck crew members be allowed to carry firearms into the cockpit of aircraft providing air transportation or intrastate air transportation.

The United States Government should allow all reasonable means of technology, including firearms, to be deployed on board aircraft to deter and stop the types of vicious and suicidal attacks we have witnessed against our air transportation system and nation.

Authorizing flight deck crews to carry firearms in the cockpit is the only security measure currently being considered that would have thwarted the tragedy of September 11.

Commercial airline pilots are highly trained, carefully screened professionals who almost always have a military background. They are and in my judgement responsible individuals and a common sense choice to defend a cockpit and the passengers.

Thank you for considering my views on this important matter.

Sincerely,

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