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**Federal Aviation  
Administration**

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Washington, D.C. 20591

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The Honorable Max Cleland  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510—1005

Dear Senator Cleland:

Administrator Garvey asked to respond to your March 13 letter to her supporting the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) petition for a rule requiring pilots to carry government-issued photo identification as a means of enhancing general aviation security.

We are drafting a new rule that adopts the AOPA petition. The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) supports the proposed requirement as a low-cost interim measure to enhance security throughout the general aviation community that may be quickly implemented before a permanent system is developed and implemented.

If you or a member of your staff needs further assistance, please contact Mr. Brian Riley, Assistant Administrator for Government and Industry Affairs, at (202) 267-3277.

Sincerely,

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Associate Administrator for  
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Enclosure  
Transmitted Correspondence



Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the  
International Civil Aviation Organization