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The Honorable C.W. "Bill" Young
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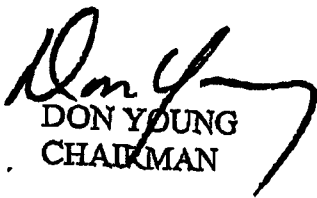
Dear Mr. Chairman:

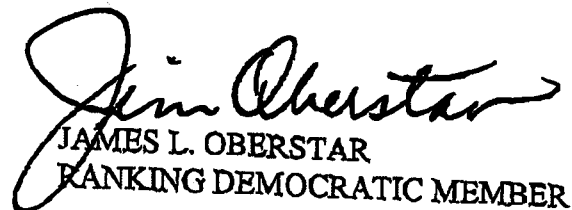
We have recently learned that a provision revoking funding for the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) stadium overflight waiver program announced in NOTAM 2/0199 is included in the FY2003 Transportation Appropriations bill. It is our understanding that a similar provision may be included in Continuing Resolutions that the Appropriations Committee may consider.

As you may be aware, FAA and the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) have worked together on stadium overflight regulations over the last few months. On September 27th, FAA issued NOTAM 2/1099 that maintains post-September 11th temporary flight restrictions (TFR) over sporting venues and explains TSA/FAA's new process for vetting pilots and issuing waivers to the TFR.

We do not believe that the Appropriations Committee should summarily rescind NOTAM 2/0199 without a full review by the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. Therefore, we respectfully request that you reconsider including any stadium overflight waiver provisions in either FY2003 Transportation Appropriations bill or any possible Continuing Resolution.

Sincerely,


 DON YOUNG
 CHAIRMAN


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