

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable C.W. "Bill" Young
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
2407 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

It has come to our attention that a provision revoking funding for the FAA's notam waiver program on stadium overflight restrictions is included in the Department of Transportation Fiscal Year 2003 Appropriations bill. Intimations have been made that a similar provision could be included in the Continuing Resolution that will soon be considered by the Committee on Appropriations.

We recognize that the stadium overflight issue is one of concern for many Members of Congress. We believe that it should be considered in regular order, both on the Floor when the House votes on the Transportation Appropriations bill and by the authorizers when they consider H.R. 5654, Congressman Fred Upton's bill addressing notams. 1/3353 and 2/9583.

Furthermore, we understand that the Federal Aviation Administration and the Transportation Security Administration have worked on stadium overflight regulations for some months now and issued a new notam on September 27, 2002, maintaining a TFR and explaining the new vetting procedures for pilots obtaining waivers. We wish to include their efforts in addressing the whole issue, rather than just one part of the regulation.

It is with deepest respect for you and your committee that we request you reconsider including the stadium overflight waiver provision in the potential upcoming Continuing Resolution.

With Kindest Regards,

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