

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

October 29, 2007

Honorable Michael Chertoff  
Secretary  
Department of Homeland Security  
Washington, DC 20528

Dear Secretary Chertoff,

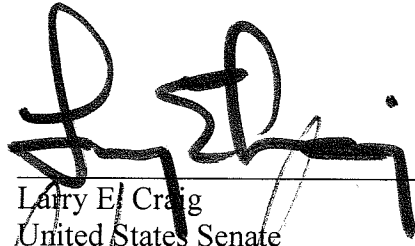
We are writing to you today regarding the notice of proposed rulemaking recently announced by Customs and Border Protection (CBP), *Advance Information on Private Aircraft Arriving and Departing the United States*. As you know, this proposed rule would implement certain aspects of P.L. 110-53, the *Implementing the 9/11 Recommendations Act of 2007*, pertaining to general aviation aircraft traveling internationally. We support the efforts of CBP and the Department of Homeland Security to enhance general aviation security. However, certain requirements included in this proposed rule have generated a significant amount of concern within the general aviation community.

In particular, the proposed rule requires general aviation pilots to electronically transmit notice of arrival and departure data and other passenger manifest information to CBP. The proposed rule assumes that pilots will have access to a computer and Internet access to make the electronic transmission. However, many pilots in the state of Idaho fly to and from isolated areas of Canada that do not provide Internet access. Pilots who file their information prior to departing the U.S. could also encounter delays in these remote locations due to weather, maintenance or other reasons and would need a feasible way to contact CBP.

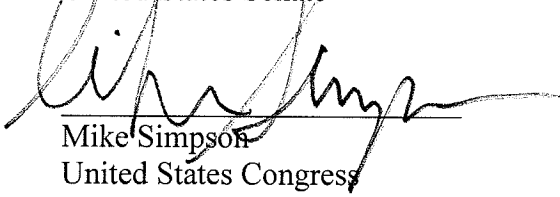
Currently, private pilots are able to report arrival information and other relevant data to CBP via radio, telephone or through Federal Aviation Administration flight notification procedure. Given the unique nature of the general aviation industry, it would seem logical that these alternative methods continue to be available for transmitting the required information to CBP.

The current comment period closes on November 19, 2007. We encourage the Department to extend the comment period for another 60 days to close on January 18, 2008. This would provide interested parties with the opportunity to fully assess the impact of the proposed rule and suggest any practical alternatives. Thank you for your attention to this issue.

Sincerely,



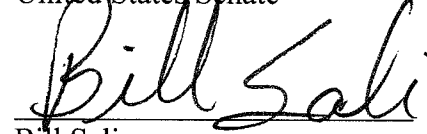
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