

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

December 3, 2013

The Honorable Rand Beers
Acting Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
300 7th St, SW, Washington D.C. 20024

Dear Secretary Beers:

On October 30, 2013, we wrote to you regarding a significant rise in the number of unwarranted stops and searches of U.S. general aviation (GA) aircraft by the Air and Marine Division of the Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agency.

No later than November 15, 2013, we asked that you provide us with the following information:

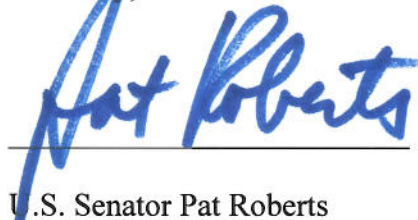
- A record of every stop and search of general aviation aircraft in the United States by CBP agents since the beginning of calendar year 2009. These records should be broken down by state and should include the relevant facts surrounding each search. Specifically, we want to know the reason(s) these searches took place and what "probable cause" CBP agents had to conduct these searches.

To date, we have not received your response.

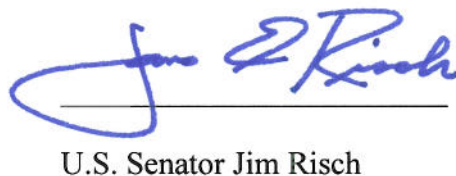
Since our first letter to you, we have received word that CBP and other DHS agents are continuing to conduct unreasonable stops and searches of planes belonging to law-abiding GA pilots. Despite serious concerns raised with your department in recent weeks from both the aviation industry and members of Congress, your agents seem undeterred in stopping GA aircraft where no illegal conduct is afoot. It is unsettling that additional incidents are taking place while we wait on a response from your office.

Thank you, again, for your attention to this matter. We look forward to hearing back from you with a written response by December 16, 2013.

Sincerely,



U.S. Senator Pat Roberts



U.S. Senator Jim Risch