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The Honorable Michael P. Huerta  
 Federal Aviation Administration  
 U.S. Department of Transportation  
 800 Independence Avenue, SW  
 Washington, D.C. 20591

Dear Administrator Huerta:

Subject: Support for H.R. 3708, General Aviation Pilot Protection Act of 2013

The Michigan Aeronautics Commission would like to join with the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, Experimental Aircraft Association, General Aviation Manufacturers Association and other industry partners in voicing its support for H.R. 3708, the General Aviation Pilot Protection Act of 2013.

Currently, general aviation is the only mode of transportation that requires medical certification to operate a vehicle for private or recreational use. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) currently requires such medical certification of pilots of even small private aircraft. This medical certification process can be costly and time consuming.

H.R. 3708 was written to resemble the current exemption for an FAA third class medical certificate for sport pilots. H.R. 3708 would expand that exemption to pilots of aircraft (1) Not operating for hire; (2) Operating under visual flight rules; (3) Below 14,000 feet mean sea level; and (4) Not flying at a speed in excess of 250 knots.

The Michigan Aeronautics Commission urges your continued support of initiatives that will benefit Michigan pilots currently required to hold this certificate and remove an unnecessary regulatory burden from small general aviation pilots in an effort to help invigorate that portion of the aviation industry.

Thank you for your consideration in support of this bill. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either of us at 517-335-9568.

Sincerely,

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 Michigan Aeronautics Commission

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