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Mr. Dave Joyce
Technical Operations Services
Federal Aviation Administration
800 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20591

Re: Docket Number FAA-2006-26519

Dear Mr. Joyce:

On behalf of over 409,000 general aviation pilots, the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) oppose the proposed change in monitor status of air navigational aids (NAVAID) by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). In order to maintain safety, and adequate levels of reliable service, the FAA should ensure that NAVAIDS used for instrument approach access to an airport are monitored.

Pilots should not become the FAA's NAVAID monitoring service. A separate and reliable system is needed to ensure the timely notification of a NAVAID failure. The FAA should provide the same monitoring services at these airports as they do other airports with similar NAVAID services.

AOPA encourages the FAA to research and select an affordable monitoring solution. New telecommunications options may be available that are more affordable than traditional solutions, and AOPA is available to discuss the FAA's work to keep monitoring costs low. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

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