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Exemption No. 7112B
Regulatory Docket No. FAA-2002-11591

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Dear Mr. Cebula:

This is in response to your January 18, 2002, letter petitioning the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) on behalf of Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) for an extension of Exemption No. 7112, as amended. That exemption from §§ 135.251, 135.255, and 135.353, and appendixes I and J to part 121 of Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) allows AOPA member pilots to conduct local sightseeing flights at charity or community events, for compensation or hire, without complying with certain anti-drug and alcohol misuse prevention program requirements of part 135.

In your petition, you indicate that the conditions and reasons regarding public interest and safety, presented in the original petition upon which the exemption was granted, remain unchanged.

The FAA has determined that good cause exists for not publishing a summary of the petition in the Federal Register because the requested extension of the exemption would not set a precedent, and any delay in acting on this petition would be detrimental to AOPA.

The FAA has determined that the justification for the issuance of Exemption No. 7112, as amended, remains valid with respect to this exemption.

In consideration of the foregoing, I find that a grant of exemption is in the public interest. Therefore, pursuant to the authority contained in 49 U.S.C. §§ 40113 and 44701, delegated to me by the Administrator, Exemption No. 7112, as amended, is hereby further amended by extending its June 30, 2002, termination date to June 30, 2004, unless sooner superseded or rescinded.

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All other conditions and limitations of Exemption No. 7112, as amended, remain the same. This letter shall be attached to, and is a part of, Exemption No. 7112.

Please note the FAA has assigned a new docket number to this project (Docket No. FAA-2002-11591; previously Docket No. 29648). In an effort to allow the public to participate in tracking the FAA's rulemaking activities, we have transitioned to the Department of Transportation's Internet-accessible Docket Management System (DMS), located at <http://dms.dot.gov>. This new system enables interested persons to submit, view, and download requests to the DMS in accordance with 14 CFR § 11.63. Future requests should be submitted through this system.

Sincerely,

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