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Mr. Paul Gallant  
Docket Management System  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
Room Plaza 401  
400 Seventh Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20590-0001

RE: Modification of the Class B Airspace Area; Atlanta, GA, Docket No. FAA-2006-25831; Airspace Docket No. 06-AWA-1

Dear Mr. Gallant,

The Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA), representing nearly 410,000 members nationwide, submits the following comments in response to the Final Rule issued to modify the Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL) Class B airspace area. AOPA does not object to lowering the floor from 6,000 feet mean sea level (msl) to 5,000 feet msl as described in the final rule. However, AOPA contends that any and all future Class B changes should follow the process outlined in the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Order 7400.2, *Handling Airspace Matters*.

AOPA understands and supports the need to analyze operations and ensure safety within the Class B airspace area. However, the FAA's own policy details the process by which airspace designation and changes to the Class B airspace area are to be conducted. In accordance with the FAA Order 7400.2, prior to implementation of any changes, an "ad hoc advisory committee shall be formed to present input and recommendations to the FAA," and "informal airspace meetings shall be conducted." AOPA expects that all future ATL Class B modifications being considered will follow this FAA regulatory process.

AOPA looks forward to working with the FAA's local ATL air traffic facility as future changes are considered.

Sincerely,

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Director  
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