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The Honorable Tom Rice
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Rice:

Thank you for your January 13 letter, cosigned by Congressman Jim Bridenstine, asking the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to prioritize a rulemaking regarding part 147 regulations that govern aviation maintenance technician schools.

The part 147 rulemaking is among the highest priorities for the FAA. We are committed to delivering regulation that encompasses new technology and remains flexible to grow and adapt with the industry.

The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) was published on October 2, 2015, with a 90-day comment period. However, at the request of several industry groups, we granted an additional 30 days to the public comment period for the NPRM. The comment period closed on February 1, and we are currently reviewing the submitted public comments. The FAA will proceed with this rulemaking as timely and efficiently as possible, while adhering to the requirements of the Administrative Procedures Act. We appreciate your support on this important regulatory revision.

An identical letter has been sent to Congressman Bridenstine.

If I can be of further assistance, please contact me or Molly Harris, Acting Assistant Administrator for Government and Industry Affairs, at (202) 267-3277.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael P. Huerta', with a circled '1' at the end.

Michael P. Huerta
Administrator