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Michael P. Huerta
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Federal Aviation Administration
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Dear Administrator Huerta:

Thank you for your service at the Federal Aviation Administration. You have demonstrated strong leadership during your tenure as Administrator, and I trust that the FAA will continue to strive to meet the nation's safety needs under your direction.

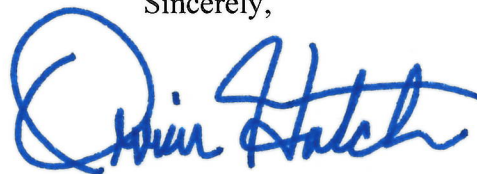
I understand the FAA is in the process of creating a Supplemental Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) to a prior NPRM published in October of 2015 (Docket No. FAA-2015-3901), addressing Title 14 CFR Part 147.

I would like to ask for an update on when the FAA plans to release a second NPRM, and if you believe it will sufficiently modernize Rule 147 so it does not overburden our nation's aviation maintenance technician schools.

As you may know, Utah schools are home to many aviation education programs, including those for aviation maintenance technicians. I have repeatedly heard from constituents who wish to have updated, less burdensome regulations for these programs. I share in their concerns that the rule is in major need of an update to keep up with the expanding global aviation sector and modernized aircraft.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter, and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Orrin G. Hatch
United States Senator