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Ms. Katherine Perfetti, AFS-200
Federal Aviation Administration
800 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20591

Subject: Part 135/125 Aviation Rulemaking Committee; Request for participation

Dear Ms. Perfetti:

The Air Line Pilots Association, International (ALPA), representing the safety interests of 66,000 professional airline pilots flying for 42 airlines in the United States and Canada, has reviewed the public notice issued by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announcing the establishment of a comprehensive regulatory review of 14 CFR Parts 135 and 125. We understand this review will also encompass related portions of Parts 91, 119, 121, and other regulations, as appropriate. We recognize the FAA is establishing a Part 135/125 Aviation Rulemaking Committee (ARC) to conduct this review and provide advice and recommendations to: a.) Resolve current issues affecting this part of the industry; b.) Enable new aircraft types, size and design and new technologies in air transportation operations; c.) Provide safety and applicability standards that reflect the current industry, industry trends and emerging technologies and operations; d.) Address international harmonization and ICAO standards; and e.) Potentially, rescind Part 125 from 14 Code of Federal Regulations.

ALPA is requesting membership on the Part 135/125 ARC steering committee and applicable associated work groups. We have reviewed the list of areas to be discussed and believe that we can provide expertise in several areas towards successfully completing the ARC's tasking.

The following persons have been initially identified as representatives from ALPA:

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Thank you for the opportunity to request participation in this important aviation rulemaking activity. If you would like to discuss this matter further, please contact me via Rick Kessel, ALPA Engineering and Air Safety Department staff at 703/689-4202 or kesselr@alpa.org.

Sincerely,

Captain John Cox
Executive Air Safety Chairman

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