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Attention: FAA-2002-12261
US Department of Transportation
Room Plaza 401 400 Seventh Street, SW.,
Washington, DC 20590-0001

Subject: Reduced Vertical Separation Minimum in Domestic US Airspace - Proposed Rule
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Dear Madam or Sir,

The reference ATA Memo advised of and requested comments on the subject proposed rule that will permit Reduced Vertical Separation Minimum (RVSM) flights in the airspace over the contiguous 48 states of the United States (US) and Alaska and that portion of the Gulf of Mexico where the FAA provides air traffic services between FL 290-410 (inclusive) in December 2004. The NPRM also requires that aircraft be equipped with version 7.0 of the Traffic Alert and Collision Avoidance System (TCAS) that is compatible with RVSM operations. We concur with the contents of the proposed rule and have no additional comments.

Sincerely,

H. Jim Takeuchi
Director, Airworthiness
& Regulatory Compliance

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