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**RE: Docket No. FAA-98-4390, Flight Plan Requirements for Helicopter  
Operations Under Instrument Flight Rules**

Dear Madam Administrator:

The National Air Transportation Administration (**NATA**) represents the interests of over 2,000 aviation businesses nationwide including operators of helicopters utilized in on-demand air charter under the requirements of FAR Part 135.

The Association supports the promulgation of proposed rule changes for both qualitative and quantitative reasons. As outlined in comments submitted by the Helicopter Association International (**HAI**), benefits, including the reduction of weather-related accidents, aircraft noise levels, and the costs associated with both, are direct enhancements to the aviation industry.

The Association extends its appreciation to the FAA for the opportunity for inclusion and cooperation in the rulemaking process. Through the combined efforts of industry and government, aviation can continue to prosper.

Sincerely,

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Vice President