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Dear Sirs:

The proposed changes to part 105 as reported by the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) are very misguided. I agree with the AOPA position that:

- 1) Flight Service and Notams are the best way to inform VFR pilots of skydiving operations, not simply ATC.
- 2) Reports of accidents should go to the NTSB and not to the FAA.
- 3) It is totally ridiculous to expect a pilot to be responsible for actions of skydivers after they leave the aircraft. Would you ask an airline pilot to be responsible for a passenger who is in the terminal?

Pilots are by nature extremely responsible individuals. They embrace responsibility because responsibility is the cornerstone of democratic freedom. To ask a pilot to be responsible for the actions of someone who has absolutely no obligation to the pilot would in reality be placing blame on the pilot, not responsibility.

Please consider my comments and those of the AOPA and EAA as you debate these proposed changes.

Thank you for making it possible to submit these comments electronically.

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