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Mr. Richard J. Doubrava
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Dear Mr. Doubrava:

This is in response to your January 20 letter, co-signed by Ms. Deborah McElroy, Regional Airline Association, requesting an extension to the comment period on the Certification of Screening Companies Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has considered your request for a 90-day extension. We currently have scheduled a listening session for Friday, March 10, at FAA headquarters, 800 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, D.C. The FAA is planning for two additional listening sessions to occur in the latter part of March or at the beginning of April.

In addition to the publication in the Federal Register, the FAA is currently contacting known contract screening company representatives to encourage their participation in the rulemaking process. We would welcome and appreciate your assistance in communicating this proposed rule to your member airlines that conduct screening or contract to screening companies.

In consideration of your request, and in view of our extensive outreach efforts to solicit public comments, the FAA has determined that a 30-day extension of the comment period to May 4 is appropriate.

An identical letter is being sent to Ms. McElroy.

Sincerely,
ORIGINAL SIGNED BY
CATHALL FLYNN

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Associate Administrator for
Civil Aviation Security

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