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U.S. Department of Transportation
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RE: Docket Number FAA-2000-8274
Notice No. 00-13

To whom it may concern:

I'm a student in the ninth grade and a student sailplane pilot. My family has been in aviation since 1929, and I'm now the fourth generation to fly. I understand that the FAA has made a proposal to ban flights of aerial banners over sporting events. If that happens, it will ruin my family's business.

I do not understand why you are proposing a rule about safety when there has never ever been a problem caused by banners planes. My father works closely with the FAA, and has even won a national safety award. I sometimes help host safety meetings at his hangar.

Can you please explain to me why you want to destroy all the hard work my family has done to make aerial banner advertising a really good, and safe industry? This seems like discrimination to me.

Please write back to me and explain why you don't think that this will cause an economic hardship. As I see it, you will destroy my family's business and the businesses of many others.

Sincerely,

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