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U.S. Department of Transportation Dockets
Docket No. FAA-2000-7479
400 7th St., S.W., Room Plaza 401
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: NPRM No. 00-05, Certification of Airports

Dear Administrator for Airports:

I am writing this letter to support the statements and positions of others from Rutland, Vermont which set forth the importance of the Rutland State Airport and the possible negative impacts that could occur if the proposal to increase the requirements for aircraft rescue and fire fighting was put in place.

Briefly, Rutland County and southwestern Vermont desperately need the Rutland State Airport. In comparison with the rest of the state, our highway infrastructure is inferior. Because of this, the importance of our airport is elevated.

The proposed rule would probably have the effect of eliminating the commercial air service presently provided. Please do what our state and local officials have requested you to do so that commercial air service at the Rutland State Airport will not be jeopardized.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John P. Crowley".

John P. Crowley
Senator, Rutland County

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