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U.S. Department of Transportation
Room Plaza 401
400 Seventh Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20590-0001

RE: Notice of Proposed Rulemaking [NPRM]; Regulation of Fractional Aircraft Ownership Programs and On-Demand Operations; Docket No. FAA-2001-10047; Notice No. 01-08 -49

Dear Sir or Madam:

In accordance with 14 *Code of Federal Regulations* 11.29, the National Transportation Safety Board hereby requests a 90-day extension of the comment period ending October 16, 2001, regarding the NPRM concerning fractional aircraft ownership programs and on-demand operations.

The Safety Board recognizes the rapid growth and popularity of fractional aircraft ownership programs throughout the country, which involve a variety of complex aircraft and the use of specialized aviation personnel. The Board has recently met with representatives of the fractional aircraft ownership community to better understand the implications that the proposed changes will have on safety issues affecting business and corporate aviation. Further, the September 11, 2001, events have raised public concern regarding the security of air carrier operations and will likely further increase the demand for fractional ownership and the potential for safety issues associated with expanded operations.

The Safety Board would like additional time to evaluate the proposed changes and the related safety issues. Therefore, a 90-day extension is requested to provide comments to the NPRM.

Sincerely,

John Clark
Director
Office of Aviation Safety