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Mr. John Hickey
Director Aircraft Certification
Federal Aviation Administration
800 Independence Avenue SW
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Dear Mr. Hickey:

FedEx Express is an air carrier certificated under Part 121 of the Federal Aviation Regulations as a supplemental carrier, and conducts operations only as an all-cargo carrier under these provisions. As such, FedEx Express is not entitled to the specific relief afforded passenger carriers under SFAR 92 for urgent actions to protect crewmembers and others from the potential threats cited in the SFAR.

FedEx conducts worldwide operations in a fleet of over 300 transport category aircraft. These operations, while less open than those of passenger operations, may still provide opportunities for persons with criminal intent to gain access to our aircraft. FedEx has been and will continue to be involved with the activities of the government/industry teams addressing these issues and developing mitigation strategies for the longer term. However, in the current environment, FedEx is convinced that it is in the public interest that we take actions similar to those being incorporated by passenger operators.

Accordingly, FedEx Express requests that the FAA take the actions necessary to allow FedEx to install additional door security measures in accordance with the provisions of SFAR 92. We are prepared to initiate modifications immediately upon FAA approval, and therefore request your most urgent attention.

If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned at your earliest convenience.

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