

I enthusiastically support the proposal to require TCAS II on cargo airplanes. I am a cargo airline pilot flying Boeing 757/767 airplanes. I am distressed that I still fly most of my flights without TCAS when the system has been in use on passenger airplanes for years. There is no rational explanation for not installing TCAS on all large airplanes, regardless of the fact that they are carrying cargo and not passengers. Operators taking advantage of the cargo airplane exemption have been sacrificing safety for a miniscule cost savings. Some of these operators have billions of dollars of annual profits and cannot justify the cost savings of not installing TCAS on their airplanes. We fly in the same skies, to the same airports, often at the same time as passenger carriers. Everyone's safety is jeopardized when cargo airplanes are operating without TCAS. There is no comparable alternative to TCAS which will be available in the foreseeable future. WE NEED TCAS NOW!