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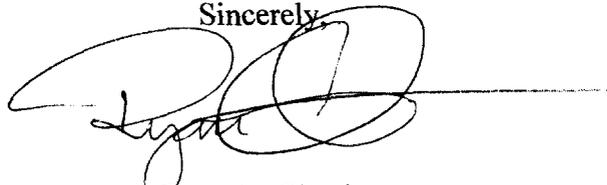
Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing this letter in response to the above mentioned docket. This document provides the results of many tests conducted by the FAA showing the need for newer and safer seats in all carrier transport category airplanes. The tests were conducted in conditions with g-forces reaching 14 g's and in many of the cases deforming occurred with the standard 9 g seats. The test results prove that the current track seating in most airlines is grossly outdated. By replacing current seats with the new 16 g tested seats, injuries to the passengers would be greatly reduced in the event of a plane crash.

The requirements of 25.562 (crashworthiness standards) dictate that all current and new aircraft of transport category airplanes will either be built to the new standards and older model airplanes must be retrofitted.

Your finding that estimated 114 passenger lives will be saved and 133 from injuries in the next twenty years is encouraging. I believe that the deaths and injuries being avoided far out weighs the issue of cost to conform to this proposed rule.

Sincerely,



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