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On behalf of our client, Aeronautical Radio Inc. (ARINC), we support the requests of the Air Transport Association of America and the Regional Airline Association that the date for filing comments in this rulemaking be extended to May 2, 2003.

It has just come to our attention that the FAA proposals would change the requirements of FAR121.99 relating to communications systems. As such, the rule changes could have an impact on the operations of ARINC. Additional time to review this matter and coordinate with members of the aviation community would permit ARINC to submit, or to assist other parties in submitting, responsive comments on this rulemaking.

Very truly yours,

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