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Subject: Comments on Design Standards for Fuselage on Transport Category Airplanes

As a 7 year aviation professional, I have had the opportunity to deal with the maintenance and repair of cargo aircraft along with the use of cargo doors on an operational level. Presently, in addition to furthering my aviation experience I am also continuing my education in aviation as a senior in college at Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio. Together with my newly learned knowledge coupled with my past aviation experiences, I am able to have a clearer understanding of the importance of the proposed changes.

In response to the above stated docket number, I feel that the proposed changes pertaining to the design standards of the fuselage are something that should not be taken lightly. The amount of time that is allowed in response to the proposal seems to be more than adequate. Although I understand this specific proposal on a more personal basis, I realize that there are numerous other proposals that require equal attention. This proposal is open for both positive and negative comments until the middle of April and I feel that although apparently obvious statements are not usually commented on, this form of a letter allows for such an act. I feel that the NPRM (Notice of Proposed Rulemaking) is nothing less than appropriate. The security of aircraft exits, to include main cargo doors is an imperative action to successful flight. People do not want to fly on a plane that is not designed to fly safely from one destination to another without having door malfunctions and pressurization problems. I feel that this problem should require nothing less than the full attention needed to fix the problem proposed in the docket.

In addition to the above statements that were made, I just want to restate one known fact. The word "safe" should always be used in aviation pertaining to flight of aircraft. No cost should be too great and no proposal should either. I feel that this docket on the fuselage doors in regards to the design standards is right on track and look forward to seeing the official word after a decision is made.