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The National Business Aviation Association (NBAA) requests that the Federal Aviation Administration extend the comment period on this proposal for sixty days.

The FAA issued the rule on Friday, November 14, 2003. Many of NBAA's industry experts are not able to review and comment to the docket prior to the current deadline of January 13, 2004. Additionally, with the standards set forth in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM), NBAA hopes to provide additional information on the effect of this rule on FAR Part 135 operators.

NBAA was a member of the FAA working group that developed many of the recommendations contained within the proposal. We are confident that the additional time will yield substantial comments from those most directly affected by the NPRM.

Please contact me at (202)-783-9000 if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

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