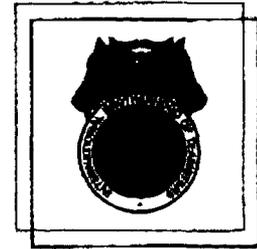


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RE: Docket No.: FAA-2003-14594 - 20

Dear Sir or Madam:

The International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Airline Division, respectfully requests a ninety-day extension of the comment period for the above referenced docket, the Notice of Petition for Rulemaking by ATA. The petition proposes a significant rule change, which should have the benefit of a sufficient time period for comprehensive review and comment by all stakeholders.

The current comment period encompasses an extremely busy time of year for the airline industry and its employees, and thus limits our ability to adequately survey our affected members. An extension of the comment period is necessary in order for us to assess their thoughts and concerns regarding the ATA proposal. Their input on the positive and negative impact of such a rule change will shape the content of our comments. An extension of the comment period would also permit time for more thorough research and analysis of the safety and security implications of such a rule change.

We appreciate your consideration of our request. Please contact me at 510-623-0813 if you require additional information. Also please notify us as to the disposition of our request for extension.

Sincerely,

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