

Dear Administrators,

As a relatively new pilot and long time community activist I am shocked, awed, and dismayed at the proposed rules change regarding increased time requirements for private pilots who wish to contribute to the encouragement and well being of our local communities. The Black Pilots of America (BPA) have a history and tradition of providing the exhilarating experience of flight to hundreds if not thousands of children and adults who might not otherwise have opportunities to fly in a general aviation aircraft. We do it because we live in the greatest country in the world which has allowed us the freedom to exercise the gift of flying and the chance to show our fellow countrymen the wonderful sight of our country from a different perspective, from the air. Please reconsider the proposed rule as it will not provide any greater safety margins as it is presently written. It will however diminish the sacred trust of our freedom to enjoy America in greater splendor. And it will deprive many people of their ability to earn a living or to just give something of themselves back to the communities in which they live.

Humbly submitted,  
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