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Captain John Prater, President  
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Dear Captain Prater:

As you know, the Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on "Aviation Security: An Update" on Thursday, July 24, 2008 at which you provided testimony. The Subcommittee left the record open to accept additional testimony and additional questions. I am requesting that you provide responses to the following questions for the record. I ask that you provide the responses by August 15, 2008. You can submit your responses to the Republican Subcommittee Staff.

- Does ALPA have any suggestions on how it might be possible to strike a balance between the security of cargo while not inhibiting the movement of goods to such a degree that it becomes a hindrance to commerce?
- It is my understanding that the Federal Flight Deck Officer program has outgrown the administrative capacity of the Federal Air Marshals Service. What types of changes does the FFDO community propose be made to make it more efficient?
- What kind of layered approach is used to ensure the security of cargo on a passenger aircraft?

Thank you in advance for your prompt and complete responses. Should you or your staff have any questions or need further information, please contact either Holly Woodruff Lyons or Russ Kline with the Subcommittee on Aviation at 202-226-3220.

Sincerely,

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