



October 17, 2013

The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary
Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx,

On behalf of the General Aviation Manufacturers Association, I wanted to thank you for speaking with me last week regarding the impact the government shutdown had on general aviation manufacturers. I sincerely appreciated your candid assessment of where things stood from a Department of Transportation perspective.

As we discussed, the delivery of aircraft by manufacturers came to a standstill as a result of the closure of the Federal Aviation Administration's Aircraft Registry office. The backlog of transactions the office must review is a daunting task that is magnified by the fact that prior to the shutdown the office already had an inventory of applications to process. We look forward to working with you to ensure that the registry backlog is addressed in a manner that ensures delivery of new and used aircraft. As you know, the value of the deliveries GAMA members have in the queue of new aircraft is estimated at \$1.9 billion and 156 aircraft, and also comes in a quarter when aircraft deliveries are typically strong. There are also other challenges that we must confront because of the shutdown, including certification delays on critical products that are safety enhancing and provide numerous benefits and efficiencies.

As I discussed with you, we can be a resource as you begin to consider constructive ways to address the ramifications of this government shutdown. As just one example, the FAA should consider a blanket exemption for all certifications, authority and qualifications that have or will expire shortly as a result of the shutdown. By doing this, the FAA offices can focus on the priority tasks with greatest impact such as the registry's significant backlog of aircraft transactions.

We appreciate your leadership and look forward to working with you on this and other matters that are crucial to the health and vitality of the general aviation sector.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter J. Bunce', is positioned below the word 'Sincerely,'.

Peter J. Bunce
President and CEO

CC: Administrator Michael Huerta

General Aviation Manufacturers Association