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Gentlemen:

Thank you for your prompt response following our Monday, March 2, 2009, meeting, which included a productive discussion among the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), Air Line Pilots Association (ALPA), ARINC, and Lexis-Nexis. The discussions about the CrewPASS pilots at Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport (BWI), Pittsburgh International Airport (PIT) and Columbia Metropolitan Airport (CAE) were extremely valuable and resulted in a consensus on our strategic path forward.

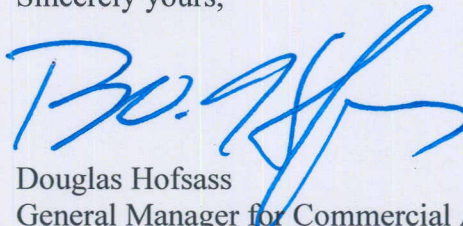
As discussed, TSA supports the pilot programs, as tested at the three airports, and hereby approves the requested extension for an additional 4 months, ending July 17, 2009.

As the new General Manager for Commercial Aviation, I can assure you that we are working hard to finalize the CrewPASS standards for formal issuance. As discussed in our March 2, 2009, meeting, former TSA Assistant Secretary Kip Hawley outlined the following minimum standards for expanded CrewPASS deployment:

- Real time employment verification through a live link to an employee database accompanied by employer photo identification.
- Biometric verification.
- Cabin Crew inclusion.
- One system per airport.
- Open competitive vendor process, on an airport-by-airport basis.

TSA strongly supports your efforts to begin testing the biometric element of CrewPASS, as well as enrolling more participants at the existing CrewPASS pilot locations. In addition, we are committed to partnering with ALPA on the proposal to expand CrewPASS to other locations across the system, contingent upon compliance with the formal standards, when issued.

Sincerely yours,



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