

March 3, 2009

Mr. Doug Hofsass
General Manager, Commercial Aviation
U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security - TSA
601 South 12th Street, East Building
Arlington, VA 20598

Dear Mr. Hofsass:

As we discussed in yesterday's meeting, March 17, 2009 is the fast-approaching deadline for the end of the current extension of the CrewPASS demonstration program at BWI, PIT and CAE.

The Air Line Pilots Association, International (ALPA), which represents 52,500 pilots who fly for 35 airlines in the U.S. and Canada, and ARINC, which is acting as the contractor for both the Cockpit Access Security System (CASS) and CrewPASS, urge TSA to take the following actions:

1. Transition CrewPASS into a pre-operational exercise for an additional four months, to July 17, 2009.
2. Immediately issue the CrewPASS standards that are needed by ARINC to enhance the system with biometrics and, ultimately, add flight attendants as participants.
3. Facilitate and expedite the development of the pre-operational exercise of CrewPASS for an additional four months – in compliance with the new CrewPASS standards – at one or more of the three current demonstration airports.
4. Pending the successful conclusion of this pre-operational exercise, establish and recognize CrewPASS as a standing, permanent program under the oversight of TSA and assist in its implementation throughout the United States.

Upon receipt of the requisite standards, ARINC is prepared to begin working with one or more airlines to enroll their pilots in the biometric system and demonstrate that system at one or more of the current evaluation airports. ARINC will provide the TSA with a more detailed proposal for CrewPASS which extends from the present time through the forthcoming pre-operational extension period and into operational service.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Under the circumstances, an expedited reply to this correspondence would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Jerry Wright, Manager
Safety & Security
ALPA



Tim Ryan, Director
Aviation Solutions
ARINC

cc: Gale Rossides
John Prater