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Docket Management Facility  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140  
Washington, DC 20590-0001

Re: Docket No. TSA-2008-0021 Large Aircraft Security Program, Other Aircraft Operator Security Program, and Airport Operator Security Program NPRM

I am a General Aviation (GA) pilot, owner of an aircraft under 12,500 pounds and President of Deer Valley Pilots Association. The organization represents 1,000 tenants at Deer Valley Airport in Phoenix, Arizona. Our tenants are extremely concerned about the proposed new regulations.

Only recently, we have come to realize the financial impact created for GA Airports, pilots, and owners of aircraft under the 12,500 pound weight limit. We will be financially impacted when airports must raise fees to finance the new regulation implementation and support. This will force many GA pilots to leave aviation causing a cascading effect of losing airport revenue, forcing more pilots out of aviation.

Our airport is the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest U.S. GA airport and will be financially impacted along with many smaller airports. Airport improvements are almost solely accomplished with federal Airport Improvement Project grants. The grant funding loss will force the closing of many Arizona GA airports.

Arizona relies heavily on the GA airport network for transportation because of terrain and great distances between communities. Arizona has a large GA charitable network supporting blood processing transportation and flying patients with special transportation needs. These regulations will squelch all GA charitable flying.

GA pilots and aircraft owners embrace security and safety improvements. The TSA proposal falls drastically short in identifying any additional redeeming qualities. This legislation poses handicaps and more bureaucratic overhead to an industry that is already struggling. These regulations, if approved, will "pull the plug" on a vital industry. For these reasons, we oppose these new regulations.

Sincerely,

Ed Chauza, President  
Deer Valley Pilots Association