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**Federal Aviation
Administration**

800 Independence Ave., SW.
Washington, DC 20591

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Ms. Sarah MacLeod
Executive Director
121 North Henry Street
Alexandria, VA 22314-2903

Dear Ms. MacLeod:

Thank you for your letter of November 19, 2013, that asks the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to allow early compliance with FAA Order 8130.21H, Procedures for Completion and Use of the Authorized Release Certificate, FAA Form 8130-3, Airworthiness Approval Tag. The Director of the Aircraft Certification Service, Dorenda Baker, asked me to respond to your letter on her behalf. Your letter states that early compliance would be in the best interest of the industry and the FAA.

The FAA concurs with your request to allow early compliance with FAA Order 8130.21H, including early use of revised FAA Form 8130-3. Accordingly, we are notifying all FAA field offices regarding this decision. It is important to note that, beginning February 1, 2014, compliance with Order 8130.21H will be required.

If you have any questions, please contact the Aircraft Certification Service Production and Airworthiness Division, AIR-200, at 202-385-6346.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James D. Seipel".

James D. Seipel
Manager, Production and Airworthiness Division