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**Transportation  
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Administration**

Ms. Sarah MacLeod  
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Dear Ms. MacLeod:

On behalf of Administrator John S. Pistole, thank you for your letter of July 8, 2010, congratulating the Administrator on his appointment. Administrator Pistole is devoting much of his time getting familiar with of the Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) mission and programs. Letters like yours help him better understand specific programs and issues that are in the pipeline at TSA.

We understand your concerns that the delay in publishing a final regulation for repair station security has caused some disruption to the outward business plans for foreign repair stations. It is important that TSA encourage and enable private industry to flourish while ensuring the security of the traveling public.

The TSA Repair Station Program Office is working intently to prepare the final rule for publication. Please be assured that we are making every effort to complete the rule as soon as possible so that the restriction on certification of new foreign repair stations can be lifted.

Your many efforts to further our nation's transportation security interest are well recognized and serve our profession well. Again, on behalf of Administrator Pistole, I thank you for the well wishes, and we look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely yours,

*(CKR) [Signature]*

Lee R. Kair  
Assistant Administrator  
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