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**Transportation  
Security  
Administration**

Ms. Sarah MacLeod  
Executive Director  
Aeronautical Repair Station Association  
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Dear Ms. MacLeod:

Thank you for your November 21, 2007, letter to Assistant Secretary Kip Hawley, in which you request that the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) expedite the issuance of a repair station security regulation.

TSA has been working to develop proposed regulations that meet the statutory requirements and also properly address the vastly different characteristics of repair station operations. Since our public listening session in 2004, TSA has conducted extensive program development activities that include multiple foreign and domestic repair station site visits and consultation with the Federal Aviation Administration. We are collecting and sorting essential data on the nearly 5,000 foreign and domestic repair station operations in existence.

We recognize the importance of this effort and will continue to work aggressively to complete development of a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and begin a public comment period.

I hope this information is helpful. Thank you for taking the time to share your concerns with us.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Morris McGowan".

Morris McGowan  
Assistant Administrator  
for Security Operations