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**Federal Aviation
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800 Independence Ave., S.W.
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The Honorable James M. Inhofe
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Inhofe:

Thank you for your September 1 letter to Secretary Buttigieg and me, cosigned by your congressional colleagues, about the interim final rule, *Promoting Aviation Regulations for Technical Training* (the Aviation Maintenance Technician School (AMTS) rule). We are committed to completing this rulemaking as expeditiously as possible.

The Federal Aviation Administration recognizes that this rulemaking has taken longer than expected given the complexity of its provisions. We continue to devote the necessary resources to develop the final rule and expect the interim final rule to publish in May 2022. Further, we acknowledge the importance of the Airman Certification Standards to facilitate the effective implementation of the AMTS rule upon publication and are working to ensure that we develop the best means to implement the rule.

We have sent an identical letter to each of the cosigners of your letter.

If I can be of further assistance, please contact me or the Office of Government and Industry Affairs at (202) 267-3277.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Dickson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Steve" and last name "Dickson" clearly legible.

Steve Dickson
Administrator