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The Honorable James L. Oberstar
Chairman
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
United State House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable John L. Mica
Ranking Member
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Oberstar and Ranking Member Mica:

On behalf of 8,000 members of the National Business Aviation Association (NBAA) we would like to express our concerns about the impact which HR 5503, "Securing Protections for the Injured from Limitations on Liability Act" could have on our members and the entire general aviation community.

It is our understanding that HR 5503, which is currently pending before the House of Representatives, would expand recoverable losses to include all accidents on the high seas to permit the application to both pecuniary and non-pecuniary damages. The legislation also appears to permit the application of punitive damages as well.

We strongly urge the House of Representatives to defer action on HR 5503 to permit a more thorough examination of the possible unintended consequences of this legislation on the general aviation community. The National Business Aviation Association looks forward to working with you and the Committee in addressing our concerns as this legislation moves forward in the House.

Sincerely,



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