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**VIA FACSIMILE**

The Honorable Janet Napolitano  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
3801 Nebraska Ave., NW  
Washington, DC 20528

Madam Secretary,

I wish to register my concern about the Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) proposed rule on the Large Aircraft Security Program.

While obviously security is, and must remain, TSA's top priority, I believe that TSA must also attempt to work with those who will be impacted by new security measures to ensure that new measures do not impose unnecessary burdens.

Based on what I am hearing from the General Aviation (GA) community in my district, however, I am not yet convinced that TSA has adequately addressed some of their concerns.

Scottsdale Airport and the surrounding Airpark are home to nearly 2,600 small and medium-sized businesses with more than 50,000 jobs. They generate an estimated \$140 million per year in economic activity.

The GA community fears the proposed rule will put a significant number of these jobs in jeopardy.

I urge you to work with the GA community, in Arizona and around the country, to ensure that additional security measures do not result in unnecessary job loss.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Harry E. Mitchell".

Harry E. Mitchell  
Member of Congress