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The Honorable Mary E. Peters
Secretary
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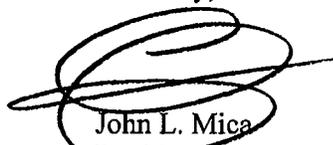
Dear Secretary Peters:

The recent high profile weather-related delays involving commercial air carriers in December 2006 and February 2007 have raised important issues surrounding passenger rights. I, and many others, have concerns regarding health and safety hazards exposed upon the traveling public as a result of these delays.

I respectfully request that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) develop a policy to determine acceptable procedures for extraordinary flight delays, particularly when health and life safety of passengers may be at risk. Specifically, I request that the FAA work with airports and air carriers to develop contingency plans appropriate for each airline and airport to care for airline passengers in the event that health and safety hazards arise as a result of extremely long delays.

I appreciate your attention to this important aviation safety matter.

Sincerely,



John L. Mica
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CC: Marion C. Blakey, Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration