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U.S. House of Representatives  
Committee on Homeland Security  
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable John S. Pistole  
Administrator  
Transportation Security Administration  
601 South 12<sup>th</sup> Street  
Arlington, VA 20598

Dear Administrator Pistole:

We write to inform you that the House Committee on Homeland Security intends to immediately begin the legislative process to move an authorization bill for the Transportation Security Administration (TSA). We look forward to working with you and would sincerely appreciate your assistance and insight as we embark on this process.

Ensuring the security of our Nation's vast and diverse transportation systems is a challenging task. We fully appreciate the demanding nature of your agency's mission. Under your direction, TSA has made tangible improvements in becoming more of a counterterrorism agency and better utilizing its resources. However, obvious challenges remain.

In our TSA authorization bill, we plan to address the need for fundamental reform at TSA by streamlining programs, cutting wasteful spending, increasing effectiveness through partnering with other law enforcement agencies and the private sector, and strengthening your mission. We strongly believe that the evolving nature of the threat against our transportation systems has led to a growing need for TSA to better target its resources and operate in a more intelligence-driven and risk-based manner. We look forward to partnering with you in this effort.

Thank you for your prompt and personal attention to this request. We look forward to continuing to work with you to ensure the security of our Nation's transportation systems.

Sincerely,

  
PETER T. KING  
Chairman  
Committee on Homeland Security

  
MIKE ROGERS  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on  
Transportation Security