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In Support

Subject: Notice for Public Comment – Docket No 2120-0660: Clearance of a Renewed Approval of Information Collection: Flight Operations Quality Assurance (FOQA) Program

Dear Ms. Ray:

The Air Line Pilots Association, International (ALPA), is the largest airline pilot union in the world, representing more than 80,000 pilots at 42 U.S. and Canadian airlines. ALPA has reviewed the request for comments on the continuation of information collection by the FAA regarding the FOQA program.

ALPA believes the information collected is necessary for FAA oversight to confirm these programs are being managed in a way that aligns with FAA Advisory Circular guidance and industry best practices. The Implementation and Operations (I&O) Plan provides the foundation of a functional and successful FOQA program for an air carrier and helps build pilot trust. While FAA input is essential when establishing a new program, continued FAA review and approval of existing programs is also critical to ensure program quality, consistency, and standardization across operators in the United States.

The National Airspace System (NAS) is extremely safe in part due to the proactive safety improvements implemented based on high-quality information collected through programs such as FOQA. These programs feed into larger data collection efforts, including the Aviation Safety Information Analysis and Sharing (ASIAS) program, where FAA initial and continuous approval is a foundational concept to participation.

The information that the program provides is invaluable, and the calibration of these programs cannot be performed by another government entity. The workload estimates for both new and continuing programs appear appropriate. Overall, the collection of program information is aligned with the FAA's function and provides not only program stability, but also supports program longevity and effectiveness.

ALPA supports the continued collection of FOQA program information as essential to maintaining and advancing aviation safety.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Jangelis', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Aviation Safety Chair  
Air Safety Organization  
Air Line Pilots Association, Int'l