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**Federal Aviation  
Administration**

**MAY 20 2010**

The Honorable John D. Rockefeller IV  
Chairman, Committee on Commerce,  
Science, and Transportation  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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Sincerely,

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**Actual & Estimated User Fee Collections, FY 2009-2011**

<b>User Fees</b>	<b>FY 2009 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2010 Estimate</b>	<b>FY 2011 Estimate</b>
(1) Civil Aviation Registry Fees	\$ 493,539	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
(2) Foreign Repair Station/Certification Fees	7,412,205	7,500,000	7,750,000
(3) Aeronautical Charting Fees	17,546,675	20,000,000	20,000,000
(4) Overflight Fees	56,841,723	52,000,000	54,000,000
<b>Total User Fees</b>	<b>\$ 82,294,142</b>	<b>\$ 80,000,000</b>	<b>\$ 82,250,000</b>