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Ms. Marion C. Blakey
Administrator
Federal Aviation Administration
800 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20591

Dear Ms. Blakey:

We are writing today regarding the FAA's current investigation into the safety of the Mitsubishi Heavy Industries' (MHI) MU-2B Series Aircraft.

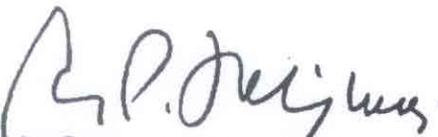
This matter was recently brought to our attention by family members of [REDACTED], a pilot killed on May 14, 2004, when the MU-2 he was flying crashed upon approach to BWI airport. We were dismayed to find out how many families across our country have experienced similar tragedies.

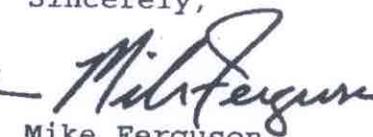
We are sure you will agree that the MU-2 has been crashing with a frequency that is both alarming and unacceptable. According to your own records, to date there has been 188 separate accidents of which 80 have been fatal, killing 252 people, the most recent of which occurred just last week in Tennessee.

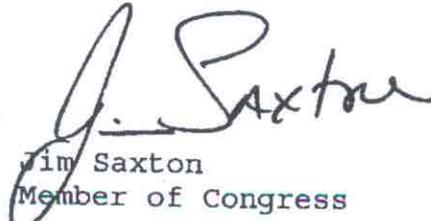
It is our understanding that the FAA has previously conducted several investigations into the Mitsubishi MU-2 and that this most recent investigation will be completed by October 2005. Our hope is that any investigation will provide an explanation of the plane's high crash rate and that such would be independently evaluated. Additionally, we request a summary of the investigation once it is completed.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this letter.

Sincerely,


Rodney P. Frelinghuysen
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