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United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-2202

September 29, 2005

Administrator Marion C. Blakey
Federal Aviation Administration
800 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20591

Dear Administrator Blakey:

Enclosed is correspondence from [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] lost their son, [REDACTED], in a Mitsubishi MU-2 plane crash in Denver, Colorado on December 10, 2004.

I am aware that there is an FAA investigation underway regarding the Mitsubishi MU-2 as a result of several accidents that have occurred with the aircraft. I expect that the FAA's review of the Mitsubishi MU-2 will be extensive. As you are well aware, it is the responsibility of the FAA to ensure the safety of airline passengers and crews, and I believe this particular investigation is an important one. Please keep me apprised of the findings of this investigation. You may forward your reply directly to Angie Aloia of my staff.

Sincerely,


Carl Levin

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Senator Carl Levin
269 Russell Office Building
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510-2202

Dear Senator Levin;

I am writing to you concerning the safety record of the Mitsubishi MU2 aircraft.

We lost our son, [REDACTED], in the crash of an MU2 in Denver, Colorado on December 10, 2004. Also with [REDACTED] was another airman, [REDACTED] parents, [REDACTED] have contacted several Colorado Congressmen as well as Senator Ken Salazar regarding the safety record of the aircraft and the number of lives it has claimed over the years.

I write this letter, obviously, with a heavy heart but also in light of the fact that another fatal accident occurred in Oregon in May of this year, which took the lives of four people along with a very experienced pilot. Sadly, another accident involving the aircraft happened on August 4th and claimed the life of the pilot. Coincidentally, the aircraft involved in this most recent crash was operated by the same company my son and [REDACTED] were working for at the time of their accident. It occurred just two miles from where my son's aircraft went down.

I have recently retired as a Captain for a regional airline and have 23,000 hours of flying experience under my belt. I have been aware of the odd flying characteristics of the MU2 for sometime, but given my son's loss, the [REDACTED] loss, those in Oregon and most recently the pilot flying the aircraft on August 4th, I feel compelled to voice my concern over its safety record, design and the training required to operate the aircraft.

I am enclosing the correspondence from Senator Salazar, Congressmen Mark Udall, Bob Beauprez, Diana DeGette and Thomas Tancredo all of Colorado.

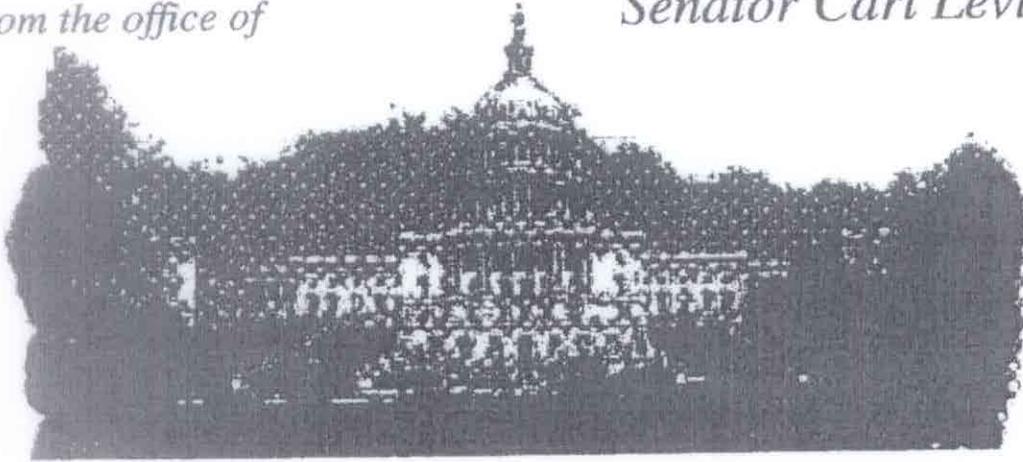
I implore you to contact these people and join in their efforts to ground the aircraft until the NTSB and FAA complete a thorough investigation into the MU2's safety record, flying characteristics and the training that is now required for pilots to operate the aircraft. We all are of the opinion that, at the least, the training requirements to train and operate the aircraft safely need to be reviewed in their entirety. Lives are being lost while operating this aircraft at an alarming rate. Please do not hesitate in this matter. I truly believe the loss of more lives is possible.

Sincerely,
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From the office of

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