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The Honorable Norman Y. Mineta
Secretary of Transportation
400 7th Street SW
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Dear Secretary Mineta,

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is currently conducting an investigation into the safety of the Mitsubishi MU-2 airplane. On June 23 I wrote to the FAA, asking for such an investigation. I did so in response to two fatal crashes in Colorado involving the MU-2, as well as the nine other accidents in the nation over the last eighteen months. Almost three months later on September 15, the FAA wrote back responding that the investigation would be completed by the end of October.

However, two days ago on October 3, the FAA issued a press release regarding its safety evaluation of the Mitsubishi MU-2 airplane, indicating that the report will be provided upon the completion of its investigation by the end of this year. While this is a serious issue requiring careful and thorough review, the FAA has been investigating for months and I therefore am requesting that the FAA complete its work in a timely fashion, no later than the October date committed to me in the September 15 letter.

I appreciate your efforts on behalf of the people who look to the FAA to ensure the safety of the skies and for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
Ken Salazar
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