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Dear Mr. Welling:

MISSOURI NON-PROBATE TRANSFER LAW

Please forgive my delay in getting back to you with respect to your letter of April 30, in which you ask whether FAA would accept and recognize transfer of an aircraft made pursuant to the Missouri Non-Probate Transfer Law, § 461.001 et seq.

As we telephonically discussed in May, I was concerned about FAA's involvement, particularly if as you suggested in your letter, FAA were to become the vehicle for accomplishment of the law's purpose, as a "transferring entity."

The attached letter to a Missouri lawyer generally covers the area of your concern and should provide significant guidance. I might add that I strongly prefer the "Bill of Sale Effective On My Death" for future registration purposes (after registered owner's death) rather than an attempt by the present registered owner to re-register the aircraft in his or her name p.o.d. to a named beneficiary.

My preference is for two reasons. A certificate of aircraft registration should only be in the name of the registered owner. Additionally, an aircraft registration application is not a transfer document. Under your suggestion, it would become a transfer document upon the death of the present registered owner.

Please call me at 405 954 3296 or fax me at 405 954 4676, if you wish to discuss further.

Sincerely,

Joseph R. Standell
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Enclosure