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The Honorable Amy Klobuchar
United States Senate
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The Honorable Al Franken
United States Senate
309 Hart Senate Office Building
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Dear Senators:

I am writing to urge you to cosponsor the Pilot's Bill of Rights 2 (S. 571) introduced by Senators Inhofe and Manchin. The bill includes Third Class Medical reform which simply expands upon the success of the Federal Aviation Administration's current Sport Pilot standard.

I do so as President of the Minnesota Pilots Association (MN Pilots), a 300 member organization whose mission is to promote and protect aviation in Minnesota through advocacy, education and social activism.

It is our belief and conviction that third class medical reform is critically necessary as a means of promoting aviation not only in Minnesota but also throughout the United States of America. We feel that there is ample evidence that the reform proposed in the Pilot's Bill of Rights 2 will not jeopardize aviation safety, and that this reform will bolster aviation in Minnesota. We feel that this reform will contribute positively to the economy in our state and will revitalize what we feel is an ailing industry.

It is important for you to understand that I write to you also as an aviation medical examiner, having served as an examiner for pilots in Minnesota for over 10 years. It is my opinion that the reform proposed in the Pilot's Bill of Rights 2 will not jeopardize aviation safety. It is my experience that the pilots I examine self-ground appropriately and simply do not fly with unsafe medical conditions, and I feel strongly that the sport pilot aviation experience confirms that fact.

In summary, as President of the Minnesota Pilots Association, and as an aviation medical examiner, I strongly urge you to cosponsor the Pilot's Bill of Rights 2 and reform of the Third Class Medical certification process.

Sincerely,

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