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**Federal Aviation  
Administration**

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Ms. Patricia Friend  
National President  
Association of Flight Attendants  
1625 Massachusetts Avenue NW.  
Washington, DC 20036

Dear Ms. Friend:

This is in further response to Ms. Susan Bianchi-Sand's May 8, 1990, letter on behalf of the Association of Flight Attendants (AFA) in which AFA petitioned the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to amend part 121 and part 135 of Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations. The change requested would adopt the statutory protections of the Occupational Safety and Health Act and its existing and proposed standards for airline crewmembers.

The FAA has determined that the issues identified in your petition may have merit but do not address an immediate safety concern. Because of budgetary constraints, and the need to meet the demands of a changing aviation industry and a complex air transportation system, the FAA finds that it must dedicate its rulemaking resources to the most pressing problems and issues associated with safety. For these reasons, we are unable to consider your petition for rulemaking; therefore, it is denied.

Accordingly, Docket No. 26232 is being closed. Your comments and arguments for rule change will be placed in a data base, which will be examined when future rulemaking is considered.

Sincerely,

/s/ Ida Klepper  
Acting Director, Office of Rulemaking