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RE: DOCKET NO. FAA-2013-0988; POLICY AND PROCEDURES CONCERNING THE USE OF AIRPORT REVENUE; PROCEEDS FROM TAXES ON AVIATION FUEL

The National Air Transportation Association (NATA), the voice of aviation business, is the public policy group representing the interests of aviation businesses before Congress, federal agencies and state governments. NATA's 2,000 member companies own, operate, and service aircraft. These companies provide for the needs of the traveling public by offering services and products to aircraft operators and others such as fuel sales, aircraft maintenance, parts sales, storage, rental, airline servicing, flight training, part 135 on-demand air charter, fractional aircraft program management and scheduled commuter operations in smaller aircraft. NATA members are a vital link in the aviation industry providing services to the general public, airlines, general aviation, and the military.

NATA appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Notice of Proposed Clarification of Policy concerning the limitations on the use of proceeds from aviation fuel taxes. NATA supports the conclusions of the proposed policy and appreciates the FAA's efforts to provide clarity on the Federal requirements applicable to state and local revenues derived from taxes on aviation fuels when the airport has accepted Federal assistance.

NATA agrees with the agency's analysis that assurances agreed to by airport operators or state government when Federal Airport Improvement Program funds are granted require that funds generated by aviation fuel taxes remain dedicated to airport-related purposes.

We look forward to the publication of this guidance in its final form.

Sincerely,



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