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Senator Sam Brownback  
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Dear Senator Brownback,

First, I would like to thank you for your time and attention to the plight of Bill Bainbridge (B&C Specialty Products) of Newton, Kansas. I appreciate meeting you personally in Bill's offices last summer. I can report to you that Bill finally received the long promised letter of apology from the FAA for it's bureaucratic and unwarranted treatment. There are still many, many problems within the FAA. We plan to publish Bill's story and copies of all documents on our website. Perhaps Bill's success will encourage others to stand up to factions of government who have lost sight of their true charter.

Sam, the so-called aviation trust fund has a paper surplus of over \$9 billion. About 18 years ago, my senators Kassebaum and Dole wrote me letters acknowledging a fact that congress raided \$billions\$ of Airport and Airways Trust Fund dollars for other programs. They said an overhaul of the system was in order. They further promised, "this time it would be different." Two decades later the people who put their faith and money into the new system are targeted for additional confiscation of dollars while \$9 billion gathered over the past two decades are unaccounted for. The aviation community is aware of continued efforts by the administration to institute user fees to fund government provided aviation services. This idea has been hanging around for years and just won't die.

The last time I wrote your office, I was complaining about guerrilla-tactics-taxation of select groups to avoid concerted opposition to arbitrary and unfair taxation. I received an encouraging reply. Please continue working on equitable systems of taxation that will (1) eliminate thousands of pages of incomprehensible tax law, (2) reduce the effort and dollars required of citizens to pay their fair share and (3) make it impossible for government to single out select groups of citizens as sources of additional revenues.

In the mean time, it would be good if government could keep its promises and appropriate \$9 billion in confiscated dollars to the aviation tasks for which they were collected. In light of government's past performance, the administration's "plan" for using present surpluses to fend off future disaster in Social Security is laughable . . . government is demonstrably untrustworthy when it comes to "saving" or "investing" our tax dollars. It's even more frustrating when \$billions\$ collected over many years of hard work is blown away in a few sentences of the administration's popularity-boosting proposals. If our citizen's futures are to be saved, individual investment shielded from the sticky fingers of congress is the only solution. If the reputation of the United States Congress is to be saved, keeping simple faith with the citizens is a good place to start.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robert L. Nuckolls, III". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the "Kindest regards," text.

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