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Dan Ngo Manager, Part 11 Petitions Branch Office of Rulemaking Federal Aviation Administration 800 Independence Avenue SW Washington, DC 20591

Subject: Petition for Rulemaking – Docket No. FAA-2025-1150

Dear Mr. Ngo,

On behalf of Warriors In Need (WIN) and the veterans we serve, thank you for your response to our petition for rulemaking (Docket No. FAA-2025-1150), submitted May 7, 2025. We appreciate your acknowledgement and the FAA's explanation of how our petition relates to the ongoing work of the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC) under Section 426 of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024.

As a small but active organization made up of military veterans and aviation professionals, we don't claim to represent a national lobby — we represent what's happening on the ground. Our board includes seasoned Marines, an active Director of Maintenance, and volunteers who work daily with veterans facing real barriers to certification and employment in the civilian aviation workforce.

Our petition wasn't written in theory — it came from watching skilled, military-trained mechanics get sidelined by a certification process that doesn't reflect their experience or readiness. The gap between military training and FAA civilian certification isn't just bureaucratic; it's causing preventable delays in employment and increasing hardship for those transitioning out of service.

We fully understand the importance of comprehensive policy review, and we support the FAA's commitment to doing this thoughtfully. At the same time, we respectfully request that WIN's insights and petition remain an active part of the conversation as ARAC deliberates. We are ready and willing to share field-level observations, veteran testimonials, and industry data — including a short documentary film we've produced that brings this issue to life.

We are also pursuing FOIA records to better understand the composition and focus of the committees involved in this review. While we may not have a large national footprint yet, we're committed to making sure the voices of impacted veterans are represented and heard.

Please consider this letter an open invitation to connect — whether through a short virtual meeting or further written input — as the FAA and ARAC continue this important work.

Respectfully,

Ben Ingram Founder & President Warriors In Need (WIN)