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of Transportation
**Federal Aviation
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Mr. Ben Ingram
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Dear Mr. Ingram:

This is in response to your letter posted to the Regulatory Docket No. FAA-2025-1150, dated May 7, 2025, petitioning the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to initiate rulemaking to change Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) § 65.79 to excuse applicants for a mechanic certificate from the required oral and practical tests if they have at least 30 months of practical experience in aviation maintenance.

In accordance with 14 CFR § 11.73, the FAA considers the following criteria to determine whether it is appropriate to initiate rulemaking based on a petition:

- 1) The immediacy of the safety or security concerns you raise;
- 2) The priority of other issues the FAA must deal with; and
- 3) The resources the FAA has available to address these issues.

Each year, the FAA prioritizes its rulemaking projects based on issues that are important to the safety and security of the aviation community and the traveling public to ensure the FAA delivers the most value to the aviation system consistent with available resources.

In response to Section 426 of the FAA Reauthorization of 2024 (P.L. 118-63), the FAA tasked the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC) to address the knowledge and skill differences between military aircraft maintenance versus civilian aircraft maintenance for the purpose of recommending airman certification standards and testing requirements.¹ ARAC's recommendations will be informative as the FAA evaluates any

¹ See, https://www.faa.gov/sites/faa.gov/files/ARAC_ACSWG_Tasking_Notice_Sec_426.pdf.

potential future rulemaking in this area. Therefore, the FAA will place your petition for rulemaking on hold until we have reviewed ARAC's final report.

If the FAA does pursue rulemaking in this area in the future, you will be able to find out and track it through the DOT's semi-annual regulatory agenda, available through the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs' (OIRA) Unified Agenda website (<http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/eAgendaMain>).

For the reasons stated above, the FAA will take no further action on your petition for rulemaking.

Sincerely,

/s/

Dan Ngo

Manager

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