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Dear Mr. Sullivan:

Secretary Peters and Acting Administrator Sturgell asked me to respond to your letter of February 27, 2008, regarding the "Proposed Washington, DC Special Flight Rules Area (SFRA) Rule."

Thank you for the background you provided on your agency's Regulatory Review and Reform (r3) initiative and for informing us that the SFRA rule appears on your 2008 r3 Top 10 list.

We are in the process of drafting a final regulation and expect to issue it by January 2009. While the rule is on a "fast track," we look forward to working with your staff to ensure that a transparent review is accomplished prior to the rule's issuance.

If you need further assistance, please contact me at (202) 267-9677.

Sincerely,

Pamela Hamilton-Powell
Director, Office of Rulemaking