

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 25, 2001

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with provisions of Public Law 107-42, the Air Transportation Safety and System Stabilization Act, I am providing up to \$5 billion to the Department of Transportation's Compensation for Air Carriers account. These funds are urgently needed to enable the Nation's air carriers to meet the challenges resulting from the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

I designate the entire \$5 billion as an emergency requirement in accordance with section 252(e) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended. In addition, I have delegated the authority vested under section 101(a)(2) of the Air Transportation Safety and System Stabilization Act to the Secretary of Transportation.

The funds contained in this designation are intended to stabilize the air transportation industry and compensate air carriers for direct losses resulting from the Secretary of Transportation's order to ground all aircraft immediately following the attacks, as well as any similar orders that may be issued in the future.

The details of this request are set forth in the enclosed letter from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget. I concur with his comments and observations.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert
Speaker of the
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Enclosure



THE DIRECTOR

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

September 25, 2001

The President

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Submitted for your consideration is a request to make available contingent emergency funds.

P.L. 107-42, the Air Transportation Safety and System Stabilization Act, which you signed into law on September 22, 2001, provides funding contingent upon your submission of a finding to the Congress that designates the amount requested as an emergency requirement. Specifically, the Act provides up to \$5.0 billion in grants to compensate air carriers for direct losses resulting from the September 11th order by the Secretary of Transportation to ground all aircraft, and any similar orders that may be issued in the future. The funding is also designed to compensate air carriers for any incremental losses between September 11th and December 31st resulting from terrorist attacks.

Consistent with a Presidential Delegation of Authority, which has been prepared for your concurrent review granting the Secretary of Transportation authority to administer the program, I recommend that you designate the release of the entire \$5.0 billion as an emergency requirement in accordance with section 252(e) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended. Upon release of the emergency funding, OMB will work in a timely manner with the Department of Transportation to apportion the funds as needed. No further congressional action will be required.

I have carefully reviewed this proposal and am satisfied that it is necessary at this time. Therefore, I join the Secretary of Transportation in recommending that you transmit the request to the Congress.

Sincerely,

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Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.
Director

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**AMOUNTS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED MADE AVAILABLE BY THE
PRESIDENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 252(e) OF THE BALANCED BUDGET AND
EMERGENCY DEFICIT CONTROL ACT OF 1985, AS AMENDED**

Department of Transportation

Office of the Secretary

Compensation for Air Carriers:

such sums as may be necessary, up to \$5,000,000,000

P.L. 107-42, the Air Transportation Safety and System Stabilization Act, provides \$5.0 billion for the Department of Transportation's Compensation for Air Carriers account. This funding was provided contingent upon the President's submission of a finding to the Congress that designates the amount requested as an emergency requirement. The President has so designated and made available up to \$5.0 billion for the Department of Transportation to compensate air carriers for direct losses resulting from the September 11th order by the Secretary of Transportation to ground all aircraft immediately following the attacks, and any similar orders that may be issued in the future. The funding is also designed to compensate air carriers for any incremental losses between September 11th and December 31st resulting from terrorist attacks.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION

SUBJECT: Delegation of Authority to Compensate Air Carriers
for Losses Resulting from the Terrorist Attacks
of September 11, 2001

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and laws of the United States of America, including section 101 of the Air Transportation Safety and System Stabilization Act (Public Law 107-42)(the "Act"), and section 301 of title 3, United States Code, I hereby delegate to the Secretary of Transportation the authority vested in the President under section 101(a)(2) of the Act to compensate air carriers for the direct and incremental losses they incurred from the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, and any resulting ground stop order.

You are authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the Federal Register.

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