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Mr.  
President, Aircraft Owners & Pilots Assn.  
4650 East-West Highway  
Bethesda, Maryland

Dear Mr. :

Thank you for your telegram, sent on behalf of the Aircraft Owners & Pilots Association, expressing your opposition to legislation to create a Department of Transportation.

As I am sure you know, the Senate passed this measure September 29.

Although I supported this bill, I intend to follow further developments closely. I can assure you that it would not have received my vote if I thought its passage could lead to government ownership.

Thank you again for your telegram. I recognize the fine job that has been done by private industry in this country in building an outstanding transportation system, and I would not wish to see this situation disturbed.

With best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

THOMAS J. DODD