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My friend and facrep in Macon, GA lost his wife to cancer this week. Please remember Karey Hall and his daughter in your prayers as they try to get through this sad time. Karey is someone who makes me laugh almost every time I see him, I wish I now had something to say that would put a smile on his face. There will be a celebration of life, if I get the exact details I'll forward them out.

You should by now have all seen the message I forwarded out from Jim Washington yesterday morning. It simply states that the Administrator has the Judges recommendation and she is working on her decision. The Attorney's have asked that I not say anything more, which is very easy because I know nothing more. I fully expect to be one of the last to know what the decision is, past practice of the way the Agency has informed us of these major decisions is what I'm going by.

We need everyone working their Senators, the agency and Lockheed are out there working from their side. The schedule as it stands right now is the Sub-Committee meets on July 14th and we would like to get the amendment introduced there. If we cannot get a Senator to introduce the language in the Sub-Committee, we will have one more shot for the Full Committee when they meet July 19th. If we don't get an amendment introduced the House amendment will go to committee and be in the hands of Senators like Mr. Knollenberg. Have your Senators send a letter to Chairman Bond in support of an amendment to the TTHUD appropriations bill, use the copy of the letter that was sent out last week by Senators Johnson, Specter, Dorgan, and Leahy. Chairman Bond did vote yes back in 2003 on the Lautenberg Amendment that got stripped from the conference report and we need his continued support. Seattle I also need you working Senator Murray, maybe they need a few stories of what you folks up there do to remind them our jobs do affect the safety of pilots and security of the United States. We are at the eleventh hour folks we need everybody calling and writing.

The BOD meets next week in Reno and I am traveling on Sunday so I will be available Monday all day as things progress. I know some say this is bad timing again, but actually it maybe good for us all to be together if a decision comes out. We'll all be able to get the information out to you as soon as possible. Our legislative contacts have all my numbers and we will stay tied together through email and cel phone. Our Brothers and Sisters from Reno AFSS are more than welcome to join us, we are staying at the El Dorado and start at 9:00am Tuesday July 12th.

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