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The Honorable Marion C. Blakey  
Administrator  
Federal Aviation Administration  
800 Independence Avenue SW  
Washington, DC 20591

Dear Administrator Blakey:

I am writing to request an exemption to 14 CFR Part 121.383(c) for Captain Donald N. Persky. Under current FAA regulations, on October 9, 2007 when Captain Persky turns 60, he will be prohibited from flying as a commercial pilot in the United States.

Captain Persky has an impeccable flight record, logging over 20,000 flight hours without accident, incident or flight rule violation. Captain Persky exhibits no age-related decline in health or cognitive abilities that would make the continued operation of commercial flights unsafe. His cockpit experience and expertise contribute to the safety of the passengers, and is an asset rather than a liability.

The FAA, evaluating Captain Persky's past performance, current proficiency, and neurological status, should rectify the policy of mandatory retirement and grant an exemption for continued operation of commercial airliners. I request that the exemption issued for Captain Persky to include command and second in command privileges for domestic as well as international flights.

Please provide me with any updates on the status of the exemption request. Thank you very much for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,



NANCY PELOSI  
Speaker of the House

cc: Captain Donald N. Persky