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Dear Administrator Dickson,

Section 307 of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (Public Law No. 115-254) requires the Administrator to reevaluate regulations regarding emergency medical equipment on passenger aircraft. As you continue this evaluation, we implore you to implement regulations that require all certificate holders operating passenger aircraft to carry naloxone in emergency medical kits.

One of the most pressing health challenges facing our nation is the opioid crisis, which has claimed the lives of over 400,000 Americans in the last twenty years. As we develop best practices for responding to the opioid overdose epidemic, medical providers, including the U.S. Surgeon General, have called for widespread access to and use of naloxone,¹ a life-saving, quick-acting overdose reversal drug. However, passenger aircraft are not currently required to have naloxone onboard.

Media outlets recently reported that an airline passenger died from an overdose while on a flight from Boston to Los Angeles.² Coverage of the incident stated that although flight attendants attempted to assist the dying man, they did not have access to the naloxone that could have saved his life. This is not the first report of an overdose on an aircraft,³ and unfortunately it will not be the last.

As opioid overdoses continue to claim the lives of thousands of our friends, neighbors, and family members each year, we must ensure that emergency overdose treatment is available, whether a person is on the ground or in the air. While we are encouraged that a few airlines are voluntarily carrying

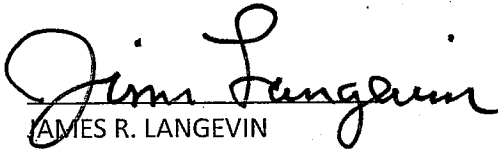
¹ AMA Strengthens Its Policies Promoting Naloxone Access and Education - <https://www.ama-assn.org/press-center/press-releases/ama-strengthens-its-policies-promoting-naloxone-access-and-education>; U.S. Surgeon General's Advisory on Naloxone and Opioid Overdose - <https://www.hhs.gov/surgeongeneral/priorities/opioids-and-addiction/naloxone-advisory/index.html>

² Delta Passenger Carried Off Plane 'in a Body Bag' After Bathroom Overdose, Flier Says - <https://www.miamiherald.com/news/nation-world/national/article232744657.html>

³ Naloxone, the medicine helping fight the opioid crisis, explained - <https://www.vox.com/science-and-health/2018/2/12/16846242/naloxone-opioid-heroin-fentanyl-epidemic>

naloxone in their emergency medical kits, an individual's chances of surviving an overdose should not depend on which air carrier he or she chooses.⁴ As you continue your evaluation of emergency medical equipment onboard passenger aircraft, we urge you to require the inclusion of naloxone in emergency medical kits and, in so doing, prevent overdose deaths on commercial airlines.

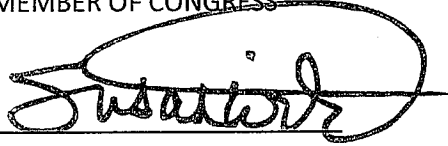
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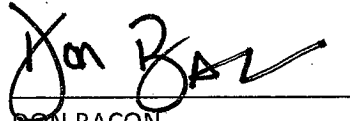
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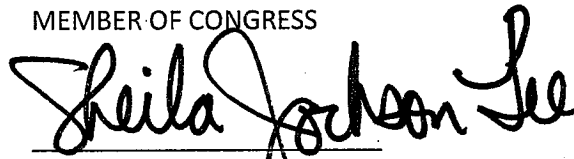
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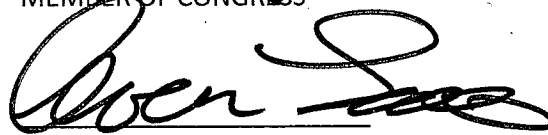
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⁴ Delta adding overdose-reversal drug on planes to combat opioid crisis - <https://www.bizjournals.com/atlanta/news/2019/07/18/delta-adding-overdose-reversal-drug-on-planes-to.html>