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Frederick W. Smith
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Dear Mr. Smith

I write to you today on behalf of the Plattsburgh Aeronautical Institute in Plattsburgh, New York, in support of their effort to obtain the donation of a FedEx Boeing 727-200 Aircraft. The Plattsburgh Aeronautical Institute offers an FAA approved Part 147 Airframe & Powerplant (A&P) program, and is an integral part of the effort to create new, high-tech jobs in Upstate New York. Moreover, the Institute's work to promote high quality training for aeronautical technicians fills a critical need as the aeronautical industry continues to grow alongside development at Plattsburgh International Airport.

There is no question that the addition of a FedEx aircraft would significantly bolster this effort, providing a real-world model for students to observe and train on as they work to achieve the standards set forward by the Federal Aviation Administration. It is my understanding that the FedEx Corporation has a history of making these types of donations, and as you consider these decisions in the coming year I would ask that you give the Plattsburgh Aeronautical Institute full consideration.

I appreciate your time and attention to this important matter. If you have any questions or I can be of service, please do not hesitate to contact me. My door is always open.

Sincerely,

Bill Owens
Member of Congress

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