


With regard to your suggestion that an appeal board be established to hear the cases of dismissed employees, I wish to point out that any system of administrative appeals would require special legislation because it is not currently provided for under existing laws. In addition, consideration would have to be given to the scope of such special legislation to determine, for example, if other sectors of the economy besides the aviation industry or transportation sector should have access to these proposed appeal procedures.

In view of these considerations, I believe a more productive approach is to continue to promote consultation with industry to sensitize its members to air safety issues. Moreover, although I am certainly sympathetic to concerns about safe air operations, funding litigation over alleged wrongful dismissal does not appear to be the most direct or effective means of fostering air safety.

I hope my reply has helped to clarify the matter and will be of assistance. Thank you, again, for writing.

Yours sincerely,



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Enclosures