



August 12, 2002

The Honorable Norman Y. Mineta
Secretary
Department of Transportation
400 Seventh Street S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Mr. Secretary:

The United States Conference of Mayors is supportive of the agreement reached between the National Football League, Major League Baseball, NCAA 1A Athletic Directors, and the Aircraft Operators and Pilots Association on a proposal to revise the Temporary Flight Restrictions over large stadiums. We urge you to accept this proposal as the new standards.

With the NFL season, college football, and baseball's playoffs about to begin, it will be important that the revised guidelines be in place so that our law enforcement personnel know what needs to be done to protect the public at major sporting events.

As part of our "National Action Plan for Safety and Security in America's Cities" adopted by nation's mayors last December, we noted the need for the Federal Aviation Administration to adopt a policy to restrict the flight of private aircraft over or near stadiums, arenas and other large public venues on the days the events are held.

Thank you for your consideration of these views.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Thomas M. Menino in black ink.

Thomas M. Menino
Mayor of Boston
President

Handwritten signature of James Hahn in black ink.

James Hahn
Mayor of Los Angeles
Chair, Aviation Security Task Force

