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Mr. Russell Vieco  
Deputy Assistant Administrator for Legislative Affairs  
Transportation Security Administration Headquarters  
East Tower, Floor 11, TSA-5  
601 South Twelfth Street  
Arlington, VA 20598-6001

Dear Mr. Vieco:

I write regarding a cooperative agreement between the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and the Juneau International Airport (JNU).

In 2007, the TSA and JNU entered into a binding cooperative agreement to partially reimburse JNU for the salary and training of qualified law enforcement officers (LEO). The TSA agreed to pay for a portion of LEO salary and training costs from October of 2007 through the end of September 2012, at an estimated cost of \$924,609. JNU agreed to comply with all relevant laws and TSA directions related to LEO performance. A LEO is required to be onsite at JNU in accordance with 49 USC 44903(c) and 49 CFR Part 1542, a cost JNU would be forced to pay without the cooperative agreement in place.

I have been informed the TSA has not honored the cooperative agreement. JNU has received no LEO reimbursements from the TSA in accordance with the agreement since September 2011, and no notice of modification of the cooperative agreement has been made. I encourage the TSA to continue reimbursements in accordance with the cooperative agreement, and be in contact with JNU regarding any modifications.

I appreciate your attention in this matter, and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Mark Begich  
United States Senator