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The Honorable John F. Kerry  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C. 20510

*Dear Senator Kerry:*

I wish to express my thanks and appreciation to you for the bill you have introduced to provide emergency relief and recovery to American small businesses in the wake of the horrific terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. The civil helicopter industry has sustained severe and devastating economic losses as a result of the required safeguards that were implemented by the Federal government.

S. 1499, the American Small Business Emergency Relief and Recovery Act of 2001, has the full support of the Helicopter Association International, and we applaud your efforts to assist businesses that are directly affected and located physically in or near the buildings or areas that were attacked as well as suppliers, service providers or complementary industries. The deferment of payments and interest for two years on financial economic assistance loans will enable affected businesses to retain capital and ensure full economic recovery as flight operations return to normal.

If I may answer any questions regarding the impact this situation has had upon the members of Helicopter Association International, I hope that you will not hesitate to call upon me.

HAI is a not-for-profit, professional trade association of over 1400 member organizations in the United States and throughout the world. Since 1948, HAI has been dedicated to promoting the helicopter as a safe and efficient method of commerce, and to the advancement of the civil helicopter industry. Member companies include operators of civil helicopters, manufacturers, and peripheral industry supporters. Many of HAI's members are small businessmen and women. HAI's members safely operate more than 5,000 helicopters approximately two million hours each year.

Sincerely,



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President