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Dear Mark,

The General Aviation Alliance has asked me to thank you for the department's position on the proposal by the commercial airline community that GA should pay more for services provided by NERL. None of us are represented on the NATS customer consultation group – quite reasonably as we are not their customers. Our member organisations are grateful for the approach you have taken and stand ready defend that position should the airline community decide to challenge it.

Thank you also for the revised statistical basis for reporting CAS areas that Phil Roberts sent out recently.

At the last NATMAC you briefed us on FAS and indicated that stakeholders would be engaged once sufficient progress had been made. GAA member organisations see FAS as very important to their future and are mindful that in some areas of government they are not being involved in policy development until a very late stage. They are naturally anxious to become engaged sufficiently early to be able to make a worthwhile contribution and are ready to do so when you decide.

Again thank you for your position on the suggestion that small aircraft should be charged for NERL's services.

John Brady

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