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Randy Babbitt
FAA Administrator
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Dear Mr. Babbitt:

The Federal Aviation Administration intends to implement an upgrade to the legacy radar and flight data processing equipment, referred to as "Host", at the Salt Lake Air Route Traffic Control Center. The new system, En Route Automation Modernization (ERAM), will be responsible for processing all of the critical flight safety data for the Intermountain West and is scheduled to come on line June 13, 2009.

Representatives from the National Air Traffic Controllers Association have notified me that this system may not be stable, and there are still many outstanding issues that could jeopardize the safety of the flying public. Systems engineers are unable to receive all of the critical error reports necessary to maintain and control the hardware and software. Air traffic controllers frequently lose flight plan data of aircraft under their control.

ERAM should not be implemented until it meets the standards of reliability and stability of the system it replaces. I request that you issue orders to those involved to cease and desist the implementation of ERAM until an acceptable level of reliability is reached.

Sincerely,



Jason Chaffetz
Member of Congress