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The Honorable Calvin L. Scovel III  
Inspector General  
United States Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.  
West Building, W70-300  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Inspector General Scovel:

The recent crash of Lion Air Flight 610 and Ethiopian Airlines Flight 302 resulted in 346 fatalities and have raised public concerns with Boeing's 737-MAX aircraft. While the investigations into the crashes are ongoing, it is important for us to ensure that the FAA's aircraft certification process for this aircraft was not compromised in any way. We ask that you audit the certification of the Boeing 737-MAX aircraft and provide regular updates to us throughout your work and final report.

In your audit, we request that you examine the approval process for the Maneuvering Characteristics Augmentation System (MCAS), pilot training requirements for MCAS, and how Boeing communicated new features such as MCAS to customer airlines. Further, the audit should investigate the appropriateness of FAA's use of organization designation authorization (ODA) and its role in FAA's compliance program, which seeks to enhance safety performance through an open and transparent exchange of information requiring mutual cooperation and trust.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to your updates and report.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins  
Chairman

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