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Mr. Patrick Egan
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Dear Mr. Egan:

Subject: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request 2020-003913WP

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated January 14, 2020. You requested copies of all correspondence emails and inter-office communications pertaining to PrecisionHawk's waiver investigation. Your request has been forwarded to our Aircraft Certification Service and Technical Operations General Avionics Branch. They will furnish separate responses.

A search for records was conducted at the Sacramento Flight Standards District Office. Enclosed are 76 pages of documents in our files relative to this request. Information has been redacted and is being withheld from disclosure under Exemption 5 of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. 552 (b) (5). Exemption 5 of the FOIA protects information that, if allowed to be released unredacted, would discourage open and frank discussions between agency employees that are helpful during an investigation and also would create confusion in those cases where recommendations and opinions are not adopted.

In addition, information has been redacted and is being withheld from disclosure under Exemption 6 of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. 552 (b) (6). Exemption 6 of the FOIA protects information that pertains to an individual "the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy," (e.g., names, dates of birth, social security numbers, home addresses and telephone numbers).

Your request qualifies for the "News Media" fee category, whereby you are not charged for search time, review time, and no duplication fees under the first 100 pages. Under Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations 7.43(a) (1), there are no fees associated with this request because the cost of processing is less than \$25.00.

The undersigned is responsible for the FAA's partial denial determination. If you have any additional questions or need assistance, you may contact the FAA FOIA Public Liaison directly at (202) 267-7799 or by email to 7-awa-arc-foia@faa.gov with "Public Liaison" in the subject line. If you believe the outcome of this determination is incorrect, you must request reconsideration by email at FOIA-Appeals@faa.gov or by writing to:

Assistant Administrator for Finance and Management (AFN-1)
Federal Aviation Administration
800 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20591

Both appeals must be made in writing within 90 days from the date of receipt of this letter. The appeal letter, the envelope, and the e-mail subject line should be clearly marked "FOIA Appeal." The request must also include your assigned FOIA control number, a statement of why withheld records should be made available, and why denial of the records was in error.

Additionally, you may contact the National Archives and Records Administration's Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) to inquire about their FOIA mediation services. The contact information for OGIS is as follows:

National Archives and Records Administration
Office of Government Information Services
8601 Adelphi Road, Room 2510
College Park, Maryland 20740-6001
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Sincerely,

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Enclosures