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Thank you for your continued financial support of the Airforwarders Association and the air forwarding industry. In the midst of a very turbulent year, the Airforwarders Association has effectively advocated for reasonable security procedures through media interviews, meetings and hearings with Congress and also with the Transportation Security Administration (TSA). These efforts are funded through your dues, but also through the additional donations made to the advocacy fund. This fund is critical to ensuring that AfA is adequately represented and involved in policy decisions that affect our industry and your business.

Some of the things your donations have enabled the Association to achieve this year are:

- Testifying before the House Committee on Homeland Security to discuss CCSP and challenges;
- Holding regular meetings with staffers in the House and Senate Committees on aviation and cargo screening in advance of hearings and new regulations;
- Rapidly responding via letters to staff on key legislative items, including proposals to adjust the DOD mode restrictions, fees for cargo at ports of entry, CCSP and lithium ion battery cargo restrictions;
- Speaking on behalf of AfA at multiple industry and TSA-sponsored meetings to encourage shipper involvement in CCSP, advocate for additional funds and new technology to meet the deadline;
- Holding a crisis management training session with XLA, TIACA, CAA and NCBFAA to prepare messaging and strategy for possible crises;
- Maintaining a vocal presence in trade and national media to draw attention to the dire need for additional funds and time to implement 100% screening of cargo.

Our advocacy funds support the work of building the strength and efficacy of our legislative and regulatory goals. With 2010 around the corner, our industry faces an immense challenge in tough economic times. Through your membership and generous giving, we are confident that we will continue to make progress in advocating for additional funds for private industry to ease the costs of screening and expand options that work for all forwarders.

Thank you again for your support of the Airforwarders Association this year. As your Executive Director, I welcome your input on Association activities and programs. If you have any questions about your membership or anything associated with AfA, feel free to contact me at bfried@airforwarders.org or 202-393-2818.

Sincerely,

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Airforwarders Association

