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When Congress passed and President Bush signed the 9-11 ACT, 100% screening of air cargo moving on passenger aircraft became the law of the land. TSA was tasked with implementing and enforcing the screening mandate, and was provided some additional funds for this purpose, but no funds were designated to help defray the cost burden of private industry charged with making this screening a reality. It thus became an "unfunded mandate" for the air freight industry.

AFA has made its position known to Congress and the new Administration that this mandate is placing an undue and unwarranted burden on industry during a time at which it is least affordable. At the same time, AFA and our members have made it clear that they feel strongly that screening is best handled by industry to insure that service disruptions are minimal and costs are kept in line by competitive forces. We cannot allow uncontrolled costs or service delays to disrupt the nation's vital supply chain.

Before AFA explores undertaking efforts to seek federal funds, we need feedback from our membership on the type and level of funding support appropriate to meet current needs. Please take a few minutes to answer this quick questionnaire by clicking here: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=n2PBID2_2bOnjriJ6DZTvDCQ_3d_3d.

Since securing federal funding may be challenging given today's fiscal climate, the AfA urges its members not to delay nor alter existing plans to comply with the 911 screening mandate while the association explores funding opportunities. We see no indication thus far that the August 2010 100% deadline will be changed and therefore urge full compliance.

Individual responses will be held in strictest confidence. However, we are asking you to "sign" your survey questionnaire and to include contact information so we can reach you to discuss your responses and possibly explore new ideas you may have.

Please be assured that we will keep you apprised of the results of the survey and actions taken going forward. Should you have any additional thoughts or comments you would like to make outside of the questionnaire, please contact me directly.

One final point – we want to move quickly on this so please complete and submit your survey no later than close of business Friday, July 31st.

Thank You!
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