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NATIONAL AIR DISASTER ALLIANCE / FOUNDATION

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Dear Member,

It has been almost nine months since September 11th (9/11) and it is no wonder that we have a sense of frustration, anger and lack of trust. Is airport and/or airline security better? Politicians and industry say "yes," and "marginally better" seems to be a popular term; but the majority of the traveling public is saying "NO," as we continue to hear stories of security breaches and inconsistencies. The same politicians that delayed and refused to pass a national aviation security bill until Thanksgiving are asking us to "trust" them today.

What can we do? I am asking our members to make the time and contact your U.S. Senators and Members of Congress like never before. This is an Election Year and 100% of the Members of the House, and one-third of the U.S. Senators will face the voters.

NOW is the time to use your voice and your vote from now until November. You can write to them, and if you receive a standard "9/11 form letter" tell them that is not enough. You can call, call, and call, and push, push, and push until they agree to meet with you at their home office. Learn the name of their transportation expert, or similar staff person, and put yourself on a first name basis with that person.

Let them know that we want the TRUTH, and to support the "McCain-Lieberman Bill" to establish a National Commission to investigate everything about September 11th, appoint independent people with integrity, disclose ALL that they learn, and enact whatever measures are necessary to protect the people. The "McCain-Lieberman Bill" was filed Dec. 20, 2001, and we still have no Commission!

Tell them we must have the HIGHEST STANDARDS IN THE WORLD FOR AVIATION SAFETY AND SECURITY. WE CANNOT AFFORD LESS. Tell them to pass legislation so that aviation safety and security recommendations can be judged first on their MERITS, and avoid the years of delays and "failed math and cost-benefit analysis." September 11th proved that using "cost-benefit analysis" to evaluate aviation safety was a failure that we cannot afford to repeat.

The victims of 9/11 and all aviation disasters, must have justice, and everything should be done to reduce the grief and hardships suffered by our families and friends. I hope the information in this newsletter better educates all of our members about the injustices being forced on the 9/11 victims.

If you are in the Washington DC area we hope that you will join us JUNE 11th, and support the September 11th Advocates as we rally for the TRUTH and passage of the "McCain-Lieberman Bill." If you cannot join us on June 11th, contact your Member of Congress and U.S. Senators today, tomorrow, next week AND next month. We need to work harder than ever before to push Congress to support ALL the victims' families.

*Sincerely,
Gail A. Dunham, President*

**P.S. Mark your calendar! Save the Date! Join old and new friends at the NADA/F
8th Annual Meeting September 28-29, 2002. Turn the page for more information!**

***MISSION: To raise the standard of safety, security, and survivability
for aviation passengers and to support victims' families.***

An operator at (202) 224-3121 can connect you directly to your Senator or Representative's office at the Capital. If you want local contacts, that office can give you direct dial numbers for district offices in your state.

Contacting the White House:

MAIL: The White House

1600 Pennsylvania Ave.

Washington DC 20500

Telephone: (202) 456-1414

Fax: (202) 456-2461

Email: president@whitehouse.gov

Website: www.whitehouse.gov

Letters to the Editor are also important!

NADA/F's www.PlaneSafe.org under NEWS click

on a list of the 200 largest newspapers in the U.S.

Tuesday, June 11th RALLY NOW 11 AM, to support the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks – also called the "McCain-Lieberman Bill."

"We Need This Bill to Become Law. We Need an Investigation. Without an Investigation, Changes Cannot be Made. Without Changes, America Can Never be Safe." September 11th Advocates

Please join us on the Steps of the Capital at 11 AM.

RSVP to rallynow2002@hotmail.com or

Senate Bill 1867 – To Establish the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks

YES – WE WANT THE TRUTH!!

S. B. 1867 will Establish a National Commission on

Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States to examine and

report upon the FACTS and CAUSES of the attacks of

September 11, 2001, and to ascertain, evaluate and report

on the evidence developed by all relevant governmental

agencies.

Tell Members of Congress to support the "McCain-Lieberman Bill", and that every person in the U.S. is

entitled to a full disclosure of what happened 9/11; why, and what can be done to prevent similar disasters.

"We must make the future for ourselves, our families and loved ones, and for all American citizens as safe as possible. As responsible taxpayers, we want to be certain that the systems we have in place are working, and if problems exist within those systems, we want those

problems fixed.

To do this, we ALL must know whether in the days leading up to and on Sept. 11th breaches in safety, security and communications occurred that should have been avoided.

First, we must insist upon answers and accountability and then we must insist on changes to be made that will

protect us all, so that not one more innocent American is killed.

We recognize the need for balance between security and full and fair disclosure. We are proud to live in a country where free discourse is possible, where the responsibility of concerned citizens is to ask questions. And so, we, as

concerned citizens, appeal to you to help us in making certain this bill becomes law." September 11th Advocates

Lori Van Auken or Mindy Kleinberg (609) 405-6169

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TLC - TRIAL LAWYERS CARE

FREE LEGAL HELP FOR 9-11 VICTIMS

(888) 780-8637 * www.911LAWHELP.org

Thousands of trial lawyers have pledged to provide free legal services to the victims of the September 11th

disasters, who are eligible and choose to make claims under the Victim Compensation Fund, established by the federal government.

TLC, Trial Lawyers Care, is the largest pro bono legal effort ever undertaken, and was founded in New York City on October 15, 2001.

Some people may decide not to use the Fund, and rather to pursue their wrongful death action in the courts, and hire an attorney for that legal help. People need special assistance, legal and otherwise, to assess their personal situation.

NADA/F does not endorse individual attorneys; however, family members need legal help, and we encourage everyone to take the time and carefully research the best course of action for themselves and their family members.

TLC website: www.911LAWHELP.org NEWS is updated daily, and the website has links to other organizations helpful to the victims' families.

The Department of Justice website also has considerable information about the Fund: www.usdoj.gov and www.usdoj.gov/victimcompensation/

A copy of the "The Airline Stabilization Bill," also called the "Aviation Bailout Bill", and also called the "Air Transportation Safety and System Stabilization Act," which includes the Victims Compensation Fund, passed on September 21, 2001, and can be viewed on our website: www.PlaneSafe.org under LEGISLATION.

The issues of the Victims Compensation Fund for the 9/11 victims are complex, and NADA/F feels they can greatly reduce access to the courts and justice for the victims' families.

We believe that September 11th was preventable and something must be done to reduce the grief and hardship of the victims. We encourage you to contact Members of the House of Representatives, U.S. Senators, and the President with your concerns.

SPEAK OUT FOR SAFETY AND SECURITY...

Contacting Congress:

U.S. Senators: The Honorable (full name)

MAIL: United States Senate

Washington DC 20510

Website: www.senate.gov

Representatives: The Honorable (full name)

MAIL: U.S. House of Representatives

Washington DC 20515

Website: www.house.gov

SAVE THE DATE! 8th Annual Meeting September 28-29, 2002

Annual Meeting Events Include...

- ✓ A special time to connect and share with other family members, aviation professionals and more. Join old and new friends!
- ✓ Special Guest Speakers and Air Safety/Security Panels
- ✓ Updates from our members on safety/security issues and support for victims' families.
- ✓ Presenting Awards to recognize those who have made a difference.
- ✓ Adopting NADA/F Goals 2003
- ✓ Election of NADA/F Officers and Board Members for 2003
- ✓ BOOKS Table
- ✓ *And much more...*

DoubleTree Hotel, Pentagon City, close to Washington National Airport. For the special \$99 rate call (703) 416-4100 or (800) 222-TREE. Mention NADA/F or NATIONAL AIR DISASTER ALLIANCE for the special rate.

Meeting will be from 9:30 AM Saturday morning through 4:30 PM on Sunday. Continental breakfast and conversation starts at 8:30 AM Saturday and Sunday. Saturday evening dinner will again be at the Rooftop Dining Room with a terrific view of Washington DC. Socializing will start Saturday at 5:30 PM before dinner. Actually, prepare for lots of socializing while we visit from early until late. Everyone is welcome—survivors, family members, aviation professionals, government officials, members of the media, and all those impacted by aviation disasters recently and long ago.

Saturday morning will include our traditional personal introductions and a time for caring and sharing.

Meeting Speakers and Special Guests:

Lynda Carter "Wonder Woman" will be receiving special recognition for her wonderful volunteer work at the Pentagon Family Command Center.

Gary Winston, Assistant State Attorney, Miami FL Prosecutor for the State of Florida vs. SabreTech, Inc. related to the fatal crash of ValuJet flight 592, May 11, '96. Learn more about the history of the case, and how the state and federal government in Miami FL decided to seek **criminal prosecution** for those responsible for the deaths of 110 people on board ValuJet 592.

Mary Schiavo, former Inspector General, DOT ***Additional Speakers will be announced, plus surprises!*** We are planning a terrific program!

Optional Friday activities will include a behind the scenes Security Tour of Washington National Airport at 10:30 AM Friday. Last year the airport tour was cancelled as the airport was closed, but we anticipate the tour is a GO for this year. Tourmaster will be our own Board Member Bob Monetti, also President of PA103.

Friday 2:00 PM optional meeting at the FAA.

Advance reservations for the Friday meetings will be a MUST due to security.

Registration fee is waived for those having a Letter to the Editor published promoting NADA/F's goals: Aviation Safety, Security and Support for victims' families. Check our website under NEWS for a list of the 200 largest newspapers in the U.S. to help you with addresses for your local and national newspapers.

Questions or suggestions? Contact our meeting Co-chairs: **Joan Pontante (315) 593-3279**
Japontante@juno.com and/or
Audrey Ulozas (954) 783-4598 judaud@attbi.com
We look forward to seeing you in September!

NADA/F Board Members for 2003...

The nine-member Board, and the Board Member Liaisons are elected by the general membership at the Annual Meeting. The present Board can also appoint Board Members during the year. The following are members of the Nominating Committee for Board Member recommendations for 2003. If you would like to serve as a Board Member, or help in any way please contact the following:

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Jeff Josefson jeffjosefson1@juno.com (401) 885-2039
Mary Kahl Mkahlcul8@aol.com (724) 864-0026

Annual Meeting Awards...

The following Awards will be presented at the Annual Meeting. Join us to recognize people who are making a difference. If you would like to nominate someone please forward the nomination as soon as possible.

- ✓ The Aviation Safety Award
- ✓ Aviation Safety Journalism Award
- ✓ Broadcast Journalism Award
- ✓ The ASA 529 Triumph Award – In memory of Atlantic Southeast Airlines flight 529, honoring an ordinary person who performed an extraordinary feat, and/or has made a difference for aviation safety and security.
- ✓ Special Awards to recognize Service and Dedication to NADA/F's goals of **Safety, Security, Survivability and Support for Victims' Families.**

Membership Donations and Newsletter Sponsors...

Please consider a donation of \$20 per person, per year for membership, or as much as you can afford, tax deductible, to the NATIONAL AIR DISASTER FOUNDATION .

We are true to our founding goals, and your donation can make a difference as we work together to prevent these devastating disasters, and provide the long-term support needed for family members.

We also welcome Newsletter Sponsors for a \$2,000 donation. Special thanks to Baum, Hedlund, Aristei, Guilford & Schiavo for sponsoring this newsletter.