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To Directors of Safety:

You may have heard I will retire from the Federal Aviation Administration on March 31, but want to take this opportunity to encourage you to participate in the upcoming Aviation Safety InfoShare meeting being held this spring in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, April 18–20, 2017. As with past InfoShare meetings, there will be two leadership breakout sessions: one focused on operations leadership and attended by Directors of Operations and Chief Pilots, and one focused on maintenance leadership and attended by Directors of Maintenance and Chief Inspectors. As a Director of Safety, you are invited to both leadership sessions and I have attached the letters containing the details. Please indicate your intention to attend this meeting by emailing Ms. Barbara Pisaro at Barbara.Pisaro@faa.gov. If you are unable to attend, please instead email Ms. Pisaro with the name of your designated representative to ensure we remain in contact with your company about the details of these leadership meetings.

In an effort to bring together safety, operations, and training, this spring we are also extending this invitation to your company's Director of Training (DOT) to attend their respective leadership session as your guest. We would like to use the challenges your training programs are experiencing as points of discussion during the leadership sessions. Please send to Ms. Pisaro at the email address above the name and title of the DOT you will be bringing to the leadership sessions. If your DOT is unable to attend the session, please bring with you any training challenges your air carrier is experiencing for discussion during the session.

If you are not able to attend the whole conference, I hope you will make a special effort to attend these two special sessions we have scheduled for Operations Leadership. Additionally, we welcome and encourage any feedback that could help make this a productive and worthwhile discussion; please provide your comments or suggestions to Ms. Pisaro.

As you know, InfoShare continues to expand as participation from across the industry's domains increases—this past year's fall InfoShare had nearly 800 registered attendees. I hope you will join us for this opportunity to advance aviation safety as a community by learning from each other's experiences and sharing safety issues and mitigation strategies in a protected environment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Margaret Gilligan".

Margaret Gilligan

Associate Administrator for Aviation Safety

Enclosures – Letters to Directors of Operations and Maintenance