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Reference: Proposed Policy changes regarding Certification of Amateur-Built Aircraft.

Dear Mr. Vasconcelos;

I am ***[insert personal info – background, pilot ratings, aircraft building experience, etc. Your opening paragraph should look similar to this (3 examples are provided) – “I am a recreational aviation pilot who has built an RV-8 all-metal airplane. Building this aircraft took ?? years and it was certificated in (year).” or, “I am a recreational pilot who will be purchasing a kit and building an airplane in the near future and am very concerned that I will not be able to meet all the changes to the future 51% construction rules.” Or, “I am not a pilot – yet – but do plan on building a amateur-built aircraft and want to be assured that there are reasonable rules and policies in place that would allow me to complete my future aircraft construction project.”]***

My primary concern is that the complexities of this new policy will place significant new burdens on amateur aircraft builders who are following the regulations today while not knowing the effects these significant policy changes will have on their work in the future. Plus, I don't see how the proposed changes will address commercial building issues that caused the 51% policy to be revised.

The following are my specific comments:

[insert your own opinion/comments – select from the following areas of interest and write a sentence or two stating your opinion of it in regards to your personal experiences: 1) the existing regulation, FAR 21.191(g) has served the amateur-built aircraft community very well for the past 50 years, or 2) Enforce the existing regulation (FAR 21.191(g) and the FAA policies (FAA Order 8130.2). By doing this you will not be placing additional burdens on builders like myself who are complying with the spirit and intent of the rules, or 3) FAR 21.191(g) does not require me to fabricate a specific percentage of my aircraft. Asking me to determine a 20% fabrication value goes beyond the FAR 21.191(g) requirements.]

I appreciate the opportunity to submit comments on this proposed policy change.

Sincerely,

[Name]

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