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The Honorable Michael McCaul  
Chairman  
House Committee on Homeland  
Security  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Bennie G. Thompson  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Homeland  
Security  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman McCaul and Ranking Member Thompson:

I write today to inform you that I will not be further extending the deadline for equipping and deploying Automated Target Recognition (ATR) on the Transportation Security Administration's (TSA's) Advanced Imaging Technology (AIT) units.

Under 49 U.S.C. §44901(1)(2), added by section 826 of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Modernization and Reform Act of 2012, Pub. L. 112-95, all AIT systems used for screening passengers were required to be equipped with and employ ATR technology by June 2012. Section 44901 also authorized the TSA Administrator to extend the implementation deadline by periods of not more than one year. Last year, I extended the implementation deadline until May 31, 2013 (enclosure).

As of May 16, 2013, all AIT units deployed by TSA are equipped with ATR capability. Additionally, TSA's procurement of next generation AIT requires ATR capability. TSA is in compliance with the statute, and I will no longer be seeking any further extension of the implementation deadline.

On behalf of TSA, I appreciate your continued support for TSA's mission. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to personally contact me or the Office of Legislative Affairs at (571) 227-2717.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John S. Pistole". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

John S. Pistole  
Administrator

Enclosure