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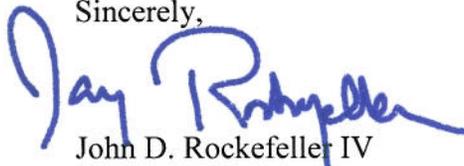
Dear Inspector General Scovel:

On September 23, 2010, Senator Grassley, Representative Issa, and Representative Mica wrote a letter to Secretary LaHood stating that the findings of an investigation conducted jointly by the offices of Senator Grassley and Representative Issa were "sufficient to warrant the removal" of Mr. Thomas Carper, the Chairman of Amtrak's Board of Directors, and Ms. Eleanor Acheson, the General Counsel of Amtrak. In a report released on September 13, 2010, their staff concluded that Amtrak management unlawfully interfered with the Amtrak Office of Inspector General and unlawfully removed Mr. Fred Weiderhold, the former Amtrak Inspector General, from his position. On November 12, 2010, Senator Grassley, Representative Issa, and Representative Mica also wrote a letter to you, requesting that your office conduct an additional examination of the actions of Mr. Carper and Ms. Acheson.

My staff has reviewed the record upon which the investigation and the report are based and has submitted a memorandum to me detailing their conclusions. I am providing you a copy of that memorandum because it addresses important information and documents that were not included in the September report. As Chairman of the Senate Committee with jurisdiction over our nation's transportation network, oversight in this area is a high priority for me.

Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,



John D. Rockefeller IV
Chairman

Enclosure

cc: Kay Bailey Hutchison
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