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W. Randy Smith  
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Dear Randy:

I am pleased to submit for your consideration a proposal for the revision of the Aviation major. A review of the existing program revealed that the major program had drifted substantially from the objectives that had been the basis for its establishment in 1982. The proposed program, to be renamed Social Sciences Air Transportation, reshapes the major curriculum so that it returns to the goal of providing for the social scientific study of the air transportation industry and aviation generally.

We have consulted extensively over the past year with the chair of the former Department of Aviation and with the director of the new Center for Aviation Studies. The program has been strengthened by this collaboration, and graduates from the program will be well prepared to pursue management, scientific, research, and other postgraduate plans.

This proposal has the support of the College of Engineering and the Fisher College of Business, both of which also offer aviation programs at Ohio State. The revision of this program has been long overdue, and I gladly endorse its adoption.

Sincerely,

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