

The Honorable [Congressman or Senator's First and Last Name]
United States [House of Representatives/Senate]

Dear [Representative/Senator]:

[In this first sentence, state your first and last name, and also state your city and state of residence. Specifically mention that you are one of their constituents. Afterwards, say that there is an issue that you would like the representative to help solve. After those things have been stated, continue this paragraph by mentioning that you are transgender, and state your specific background regarding aviation. Mention what your current position or affiliation with the aviation industry is (student, airline pilot, flight instructor, etc.) and give information to help tell your story (the school you attend, the airline you work for, etc.). Specifically mention that you strive for success in this industry, but also mention that the FAA's policies around transgender pilots make receiving medical certification difficult. If possible, state specifically how these policies and a lack of certification are harming your prospects or your career.]

[In another paragraph, give your history regarding issues receiving medical certification from the FAA due to your being transgender. Mention how long you have been grounded by the FAA, if applicable, and discuss how it is extraordinarily difficult to receive certification from the FAA's Aviation Medical Certification Division as a transgender pilot. Also, explain to the representative that transgender pilots can get certified by the FAA, but it often requires the intervention from a congressman, senator, or other official to have the process moved along. Mention that even when a transgender pilot receives medical certification, said certification takes much longer and is much more complicated to receive than in any other special issuance process. You should also state that because many people in the FAA hold personal biases and prejudices against transgender individuals, a transgender pilot's certification can be needlessly held up or given unnecessarily high levels of scrutiny. You should also note that Gender Dysphoria is wrongfully listed as a disqualifying condition because the FAA considers the individual to be inherently disordered, contrary to the information provided by the American Psychiatric Association.]

[In the next paragraph, tie the above issues back into how this has affected you personally. If being grounded by the FAA has caused you to lose pay or even your position, mention that here. If you are in flight school and haven't been able to continue training or education, mention that here. It is extremely important to tie the FAA's policy into how it is personally harming you. Mention what you have done to try and receive your medical certification from the FAA, including any evaluations conducted or any information you have given the FAA which they have asked for. If you have personally contacted the FAA and have received an unhelpful or dismissive response, mention that here too.]

[In the final paragraph, mention in general terms any medical professionals you have spoken with and their frustration or disagreement with the FAA's policies, if applicable. Also mention your frustration with how this has been affecting you in this paragraph and specifically state that you hope that the representative you are writing to can help you with this situation. Lastly, mention the current pilot shortage that the airline industry in America is now beginning to face. Afterwards, state how the FAA is worsening this shortage by unnecessarily grounding perfectly healthy transgender pilots and student pilots due to prejudice in the administration.]

[Lastly, in a final short statement, be sure to express gratitude to the person who you are writing to.]

Sincerely,

[Signature]

[Legal Name]

[Preferred Name]

[Phone]

[Fax (if applicable)]

[Address]

[Email]

[FAA PI #]

****NOTE** - Throughout your letter please be sure to conduct your wording in a professional manner, omitting any profanity. It also may be prudent to have your letter checked over by someone else for grammar and spelling errors.**