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**Statement of Honorable Corrine Brown  
Full Committee Hearing on Critical Lapses in FAA Safety Oversight of Airlines:  
Abuses of Regulatory Partnership Programs  
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Thank you Mr. Chairman. It has been very clear for some time that the entire Bush Administration has suffered from a lack of oversight from Congress, and I'm glad that with your leadership our committee has taken the lead in ensuring that the agencies under our jurisdiction are protecting the traveling public.

I find it troubling that the Chairman of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee would have to threaten the Federal Aviation

Administration with a subpoena to provide us with critical safety documents.

The Aviation industry is a key part of our nation's economy, but can be a very fragile industry. My home state of Florida relies on tourism as the base of its economy, and when there is a problem with the airlines; my state can suffer long term harm.

The flying public, including Members of Congress who travel back and forth from their districts each week, put their trust in the FAA

Numerous and serious allegation of improper action have been made concerning both FAA and industry employees, and today's panelists have a lot of serious questions to answer to this committee.

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