

*Number of Respondents:* 90 certificated air carriers and 300 charter operators.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 3 hours per certificated air carrier 1 hour per charter operator.

*Total Annual Burden:* 570 hours.

*Needs and Uses:* Part 249 requires the retention of records such as: General and subsidiary ledgers, journals and journal vouchers, voucher distribution registers, accounts receivable and payable journals and ledgers, subsidy records documenting underlying financial and statistical reports to DOT, funds reports, consumer records, sales reports, auditors' and flight coupons, air waybills, etc. Depending on the nature of the document, the carrier may be required to retain the document for a period of 30 days to 3 years. Public charter operators and overseas military personnel charter operators must retain documents which evidence or reflect deposits made by each charter participant and commissions received by, paid to, or deducted by travel agents, and all statements, invoices, bills and receipts from suppliers or furnishers of goods and services in connection with the tour or charter. These records are retained for 6 months after completion of the charter program.

Not only is it imperative that carriers and charter operators retain source documentation, but it is critical that we ensure that DOT has access to these records. Given DOT's established information needs for such reports, the underlying support documentation must be retained for a reasonable period of time. Absent the retention requirements, the support for such reports may or may not exist for audit/validation purposes and the relevance and usefulness of the carrier submissions would be impaired, since the data could not be verified to the source on a test basis.

The Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2002 (44 U.S.C. 3501 note), requires a statistical agency to clearly identify information it collects for non-statistical purposes. BTS hereby notifies the respondents and the public that BTS uses the information it collects under this OMB approval for non-statistical purposes including, but not limited to, publication of both Respondent's identity and its data, submission of the information to agencies outside BTS for review, analysis and possible use in regulatory and other administrative matters.

Comments are invited on: Whether the proposed record retention requirements are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department. Comments should address whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Transportation Statistics Bureau

**[Docket: DOT-OST-2014-0031 BTS Paperwork Reduction Notice]**

#### **Agency Information Collection; Activity Under OMB Review; Report of Extension of Credit to Political Candidates**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology (OST-R), Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS), Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces that the Information Collection Request, abstracted below, is being forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget for extension of currently approved reporting requirement. A **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period was published on March 28, 2018. No comments were received.

**DATES:** Written comments should be submitted by July 6, 2018.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jeff Gorham, Office of Airline Information, RTS-42, Room E34, OST-R, BTS, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590-0001, Telephone Number (202) 366-4406, Fax Number (202) 366-3383 or email [jeff.gorham@dot.gov](mailto:jeff.gorham@dot.gov).

*Comments:* Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory

Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 715 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503, Attention: OST Desk Officer.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*OMB Approval No.:* 2138-0016.

*Title:* Report of Extension of Credit to Political Candidates.

*Form No.:* 183.

*Type Of Review:* Extension of a currently approved reporting requirement.

*Respondents:* Certificated air carriers.

*Number of Respondents:* 2 (Monthly Average).

*Number of Responses:* 24.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 1 hour.

*Total Annual Burden:* 24 hours.

*Needs and Uses:* The Department uses this form as the means to fulfill its obligation under the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (the Act). The Act's legislative history indicates that one of its statutory goals is to prevent candidates for Federal political office from incurring large amounts of unsecured debt with regulated transportation companies (e.g., airlines). This information collection allows the Department to monitor and disclose the amount of unsecured credit extended by airlines to candidates for Federal office. All certificated air carriers are required to submit this information.

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Comments are invited on whether the proposed retention of records is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department of Transportation.

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