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Mr. James B. Taylor  
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Dear Jim:

What is wrong with the aviation manufacturing business in this country, particularly in the general aviation field, is the God awful prices that pilots have to pay to fly.

I think we are pretty much ahead of the rest of the world on building transports, however, that is now being challenged daily by England, Germany, and France. First thing you know it will be Japan too. Now, I think I'm a typical example. I started to fly 60 years ago, and during that time I've owned a Navion, a Waco, a Beech Bonanza, and a modified Twin Beech. When it got to the point where we were paying nearly \$2.00 a gallon for gasoline, \$35 to \$50 an hour for labor, things got tough. However, when I had to pay \$1200 for one new brake on my Twin Bonanza, I just said the hell with it. I figured out some time ago, that if a man wants to fly even a light airplane, like a 150 or something like that, he better have an income of at least \$75,000 a year, and he won't be able to keep very much of it.

The people to blame for it? The labor unions, with their ever increasing prices, without proper production, the United States Government with their God awful taxes and restrictions, along with the general nuisance the FAA made of itself in requiring all the procedures to go through to do what we used to do for fun. I still fly, at 80 years old. Helicopters, and anything I can borrow, but I'll never own another airplane.

Thanks for writing me. I'm sorry to have to give you this kind of response, but your letter sort of asked for it. I don't know what we're going to do.

Sincerely,

  
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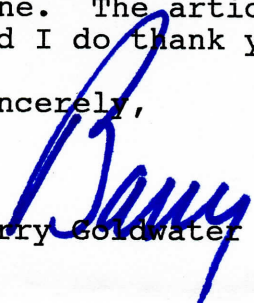
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Mr. James B. Taylor  
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Dear Jim:

The good you have done for aviation is impossible to measure. I've known of you, almost all of my flying life, which goes back 60 years, and God knows how many airplanes, and how far I've traveled in them. I've always admired what you have done. The article you sent me was very good, typical of you, and I do thank you.

Sincerely,

  
Barry Goldwater