

April 21, 2009

Mr. Chris Lenfest  
Air Traffic Manager, CMH ATCT  
4277 International Gateway  
Port Columbus International Airport  
Columbus, OH 43219

Dear Mr. Lenfest,

Under policy bulletin #35, I respectfully request to be considered for a waiver to the mandatory separation at age 56. I am currently a Full Performance Level, Air Traffic Control Specialist, certified on all operational positions in the tower cab and the tracon, as well as Controller-In-Charge and On the Job Training Instructor here at Port Columbus International Airport, Columbus, Ohio (KCMH).

I began employment in the FAA on January 31, 1982, and worked at Cleveland ARTCC (upon reclassification it was considered as a Level 12 facility). I transferred to our Level 9 Port Columbus ATCT on April 18, 1993. I achieved facility certification at CMH in 658 hours. I currently work a three evening, two day schedule (Sat thru Wed). I have not been involved in an operation error, deviation, nor runway incursion, within the last 5 years.

During my tenure at Cleveland Center I received five (5) Exceptional and three (3) Outstanding annual performance ratings. Over the past three years I have received three Group Awards. Over the span of my career I have been recognized for one (1) Special Act Award (saved pilot from gear up landing), three (3) Flight Assists, received seven (7) Letters of Commendation, fourteen (14) Time Off Awards, and numerous Letters of Appreciation. I served as an AirVenture/Oshkosh Air Traffic Control Specialist in 1999 & 2000.

I have pilot experience, as I began flying in 1977. I hold a commercial pilot rating in gliders, with private privileges for Airplane Single Engine Land, along with an instrument rating. I have logged 1,199.6 hours of flight time. During 1990 I wrote instructional articles that appeared in Aviation Safety Magazine and IFR Magazine. I was honored to have a paper I wrote, concerning radar data processing, republished in the Jan-Mar 1992 issue of the *Journal of Air Traffic Control*.

Thank you for this opportunity to be considered for an extension.

Respectfully,

Thomas G. Lusch