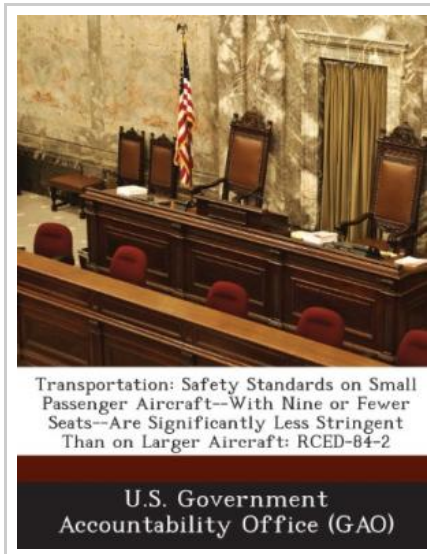




Transportation: Safety Standards on Small Passenger Aircraft--With Nine or Fewer Seats--Are Significantly Less Stringent Than on Large

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