

(CORPORATE/INDIVIDUAL)

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The Honorable Ray LaHood
Secretary
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am writing to you to express support for the application by JetBlue Airways for exemption slots at Washington, D.C.'s Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA), for nonstop service to San Juan, Puerto Rico. JetBlue's plan to offer daily, roundtrip service will provide our company with the nonstop access to our nation's capital that we have long sought.

JetBlue is Puerto Rico's low fare, hometown airline. Since JetBlue's first flight in 2002, their nonstop, large jet service has expanded in the states from JFK to Boston, Hartford, Newark, Fort Lauderdale, West Palm Beach, Orlando, Tampa and Jacksonville. They have also expanded to key markets in our region, including St. Thomas, St. Croix, St. Maarten and Santo Domingo. JetBlue also partners with Cape Air for additional regional service connecting at San Juan.

The level of service from San Juan to Washington has decreased over the years and fares have risen. The limited nonstop service is to either BWI or Dulles, quite distant from downtown Washington and government offices. The addition of this unique nonstop, a first of its kind, would be of great benefit to our company and indeed all Puerto Rico residents and visitors.

I urge you to award JetBlue the slots necessary to serve DCA on a nonstop basis from San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,