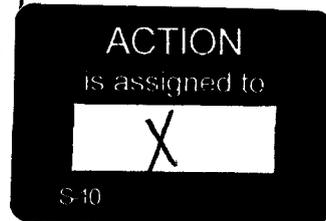


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January 29, 2004

Ref: OST-20007181 and OST-20007182

Dear Honorable Norman Mineta:

I am asking you to approve these applications for USAirways. I have been employed by USAirways for almost 38 years and I wish to continue working there for many years to come. We need these routes to turn our company around and to be able to pay back our government loan.

Sincerely,

*Carol A. Chافت*

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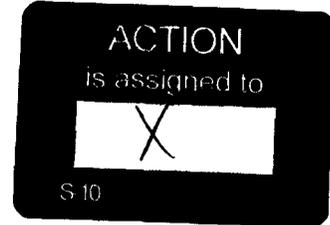
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February 2, 2004

The Honorable Norman Mineta  
Secretary of Transportation  
United States Department of Transportation  
400 Seventh Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20590



Re: Docket OST-2000-7181  
Docket OST-2000-7182

Dear Secretary Mineta:

Thank you for your leadership in working to better utilize and expand the surface and air transportation infrastructure of the Greater Washington area and that of the Nation. Regarding our air transport capacity, I write you today to express our strong support for all air carriers' eligibility for consideration by FAA/DOT in the allocation of new slots at Reagan National Airport.

In addition, we support the continuation of slot limitations at DCA as a means of assuring the safe operation of the aerodrome and preventing the congestion delays and efficiency problems that have arisen at other slot controlled airports that have lifted slot limitations. The distribution of the slots should be made on the basis of the maximum public and community benefit for their use. Finally, the award of the slots should be made in a way that will minimize the pressure to further increase the number of slots at DCA in the future.

As Greater Washington's hometown airline, and as a large player at DCA, USAirways should not be penalized but should be given fair consideration in their request for slot exemptions at DCA that were authorized by the recently passed *Vision 100 Century of Aviation Reauthorization Act*.

US Airways' service proposal includes service to new cities currently not served nonstop from DCA – San Juan, San Francisco, Asheville, NC and Chattanooga - all of which would provide consumers from the Greater Washington region with much needed access to these cities while offering many connecting services at DCA to travelers from those points to cities throughout the Northeastern United States. In addition, US Airways has code-sharing agreements which provide their customers many connecting services beyond both San Juan and San Francisco.

No carrier should be precluded from consideration for these exemptions simply based on their current investment at DCA. Your decision should be based on what is in the best interest of the consumer and the community. Thank you for your consideration of this most important matter.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Peck, President  
Greater Washington Board of Trade