

Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
400 Seventh Street, SW
Suite 10200
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Continental Airlines New York/Newark – Shanghai Application
(Docket OST-2006-25275)

Dear Secretary:

It is my understanding that the Department will soon be deciding on an award of new authority to competing U.S. airlines for 2007 service between the U.S. and China. I strongly support Continental Airlines' application for the right to inaugurate service between New York/Newark and Shanghai, China.

Currently, no U.S. passenger airline serves Shanghai from the New York/New Jersey area or from any point on the U.S. east coast. This lack of service by a U.S. flag carrier through a gateway on the east coast is a serious deficit DOT should address. Given the success of Continental's current mainland China service to Beijing and its recent recognition by JD Power and Associates as providing the highest ranking Customer Satisfaction Among Traditional Network Carriers in North America, Continental is the only choice to rectify this service gap. Continental's proposal to initiate daily service to Shanghai will provide convenient nonstop or easy, single connection service to our clients and employees traveling for either business or leisure from numerous east coast points including the New York/New Jersey region and Shanghai, China.

Shanghai is a rapidly growing economic, cultural and financial center of China and all of Asia. Travelers will benefit greatly from an additional U.S. competitor serving Shanghai and an additional U.S. gateway point in the largest market for U.S.-Shanghai traffic, as Continental proposes to do. As we have seen other carriers pull down service from the New York area to Asia, we believe Continental's proposal is also the only long term viable and reliable proposal.

Continental has proven its ability to serve long-haul Asian markets from New York/Newark Liberty international airport with successful nonstop service to Tokyo, Hong Kong and Beijing. Furthermore, with more than 400 daily departures from Liberty to over 150 nonstop destination throughout the Americas, Asia and across the Atlantic, Continental's strong operation and safe, reliable award winning service make the carrier uniquely qualified to provide consumers and our clients with superior service and effective new competition to Shanghai.

When making your decision between competing applications, I hope that you will provide the entire New York/New Jersey region with nonstop U.S. flag carrier access to Shanghai via the best airline choice, Continental Airlines.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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