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Dear Rodney:

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Last year a law was enacted to begin removing barriers to aviation competition at Love Field. However, local legal action has stalled the federal government's instructions.

Congress directed, and the President affirmed, that non-stop flights by 56-seat jets could fly to three states. However, a local court has decided to overturn Congress' interstate commerce clause. This will threaten our national transportation system if it goes unchallenged. I need your department to enter the net and assert the Federal role.

Americans who use our air transportation system will benefit from the removal of these unnecessary barriers. It is my hope your agency will see that the law is carried out and travelers will reap the benefits of more competition and more efficient travel. With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Trent Lott

The Honorable Rodney Slater
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