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September 27, 2000

The Honorable Barbara Boxer
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510-0505

Dear Senator Boxer:

Thank you for your letter supporting the application of America West Airlines for exemptions from the High Density Rule at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport to serve in the Phoenix-Washington market.

With so few exemptions available for distribution and so many applications to consider, I am sure you can understand the degree of difficulty the Department was faced with in reaching its decision. I am happy to announce that, after careful consideration, the Department has granted two slot exemptions to America West to provide nonstop service to Phoenix. For your convenience, I have enclosed a copy of the Department's order fully explaining our decision.

I am placing a copy of your letter and my response in Docket OST-2000-7181, and in the file for contacts outside the record of the case. If you have any further questions, please contact me or Michael Frazier, Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs, at (202) 366-4563.

I appreciate your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rodney E. Slater', written over a printed name.

Rodney E. Slater

Enclosure

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May 25, 2000

The Honorable Rodney E. Slater
Secretary of Transportation
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

As you know, provisions in the recently enacted Wendell H. Ford Aviation Investment and Reform Act for the 21st Century ("Air 21") permit six round trip flights each day between Reagan National Airport (DCA) and cities beyond the 1,250 mile perimeter rule which currently applies to service out of DCA.

I understand that America West Airlines, a smaller, low-cost U.S. air carrier, has filed an application with the Department of Transportation for non-stop, round trip service to DCA from Phoenix.

With so few opportunities to add non-stop service from new communities and, at the same time, to provide appropriate and often much-needed low fare competition, I encourage you to make every effort to consider allocating these new flight slots to those carriers which have a demonstrated track record of safety and which make a strong commitment to serving the interests of American consumers.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barbara Boxer".

Barbara Boxer
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