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To Whom It May Concern:

The recent signing of the Wendell H. Ford Aviation Investment and Reform Act for the 21st Century (the "Ford Act") has great potential to increase competition and provide more travel choices for the residents of Colorado. Under Section 41718(a), the Department can award up to twelve exemption slots to allow limited frequencies on routes between Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport and domestic hubs beyond the 1,250-mile perimeter rule. Denver passengers must not use a connection city when flying to Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport. An award of the slots requested to Frontier would benefit the Denver community, Colorado, communities throughout the west and the future of airline competition.

The "Ford Act" calls for "increased competition by new entrant carriers or in multiple markets" and we believe Frontier's presence offers a strong track record in promoting air competition in Denver and throughout the country. The slots awarded by the Department to Frontier Airlines at New York's LaGuardia Airport in 1997 are a good example of how opening markets and promoting air competition is beneficial for multiple communities. Since the inception of Frontier's Denver - LaGuardia service, the number of passengers traveling on this route has increased more than 88 percent, while the average fare on that same route has decreased more than 22 percent. These statistics aside, the mere fact that the citizens and businesses of Denver (and communities connecting in Denver) and New York have additional travel options should be counted as a success for all communities, as well as for the Department.

We hope you will demonstrate your continued support for the future of deregulation by awarding two non-stop daily flights (four slots) from National Airport to Frontier Airlines. As proponents of open markets and airline competition, we thank you in advance for your consideration.

Best regards,

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