



US Department of Transportation
The Honorable Mary Peters
Secretary
1200 New Jersey Ave SE
Washington, DC 20590
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Dear Madam Secretary:

Please support and approve the application for antitrust immunity filed by American Airlines, British Airways, Iberia, Finnair and Royal Jordanians. Approval of this application by the US Department of Transportation would enable these five one-world alliance airlines that operate transatlantic service to work closely together to deliver highly competitive flight schedules, fares and service as well as compete on equal footing with Star and SkyTeam alliances, which currently enjoy broad antitrust immunity for transatlantic flights.

In addition, please support and approve the request by American, British Airways and Iberia to establish a joint business agreement for operations between North America and Europe, which would create a more efficient and comprehensive transatlantic network for the carriers' customers. This action will have a positive impact on air travel by offering customers more service, scheduling and pricing options and will help to ensure that customers continue to benefit from having three competitive air alliances.

Tourism generates \$2.3 billion dollars a year in economic impact for Tucson and expanded air service is vital to our economy. Our country needs to develop more collaborative agreements to insure we have competitive access to international markets.

Sincerely,

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