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Honorable Norman Y. Mineta
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
400 Seventh St, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20590

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Re: Docket OST-2000-7182 - 470
US Airways, Inc

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Dear Secretary Mineta:

As a member of the Pensacola business community, I want to take this opportunity to express our strong support for the US Airways application to introduce non-stop service between Pensacola - Ronald Reagan Washington National.

The Washington metropolitan area is one of Pensacola's largest markets without non-stop air service. Today, passengers are required to connect through Atlanta, Charlotte, Memphis, or Houston to reach the Washington, D.C. area. As a frequent traveler, I appreciate the time savings to the business traveler and the value a non-stop service brings to our business market and the community in general.

As a community leader, I know the economic benefits that non-stop service brings to communities such as Pensacola. US Airways' non-stop service would provide greater competition to the market, thereby further enhancing the quality and pricing of our community's air service. It will also provide expanded opportunities for Pensacola's business recruitment efforts in the Washington region and provide a vital link to the National Capital region for our extensive military community. The addition of non-stop service by US Airways would allow our community to further penetrate the leisure travel market in the Washington, D.C. area.

Airlift Technologies International, Inc., is ready to support US Airways new non-stop service to Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport from Pensacola. We urge your Department to give its application every consideration.

Thank you for your consideration of our views.

Sincerely,

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