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Honorable Norman Y. Mineta
Secretary
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400 Seventh St, S.W.
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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Re: Docket OST-2000-7182 - 475
US Airways, Inc.

Dear Secretary Mineta:

I am writing to express our Chamber's support for the application of US Airways to serve Pensacola-Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport.

The Washington metropolitan area is Pensacola's largest market 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 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 D.C. region and provide a vital link to the National Capitol region for our extensive military community.

Pensacola's thriving tourism sector would also benefit greatly from the introduction of non-stop service by US Airways. During the past year, the Pensacola region's tourism sector has grown by six percent. The addition of non-stop service by US Airways would allow our region to further penetrate the leisure travel market in the Washington D.C. area.

The Santa Rosa County Chamber of Commerce 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,

Gary Mooneyham, President SRCCofC