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Secretary Rodney Slater
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U.S. Department of Transportation
400-7th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Mr. Slater:

I wholeheartedly support the DOT's rigorous enforcement of antitrust laws as they apply to the airline industry.

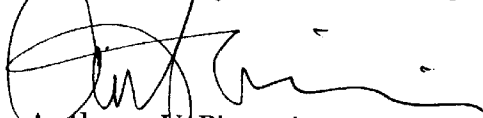
Northwest Airlines' strangulation hold on the southeast Michigan market is outrageous. I am against government regulation in most instances, but recognize that government regulation is the natural result of predatory marketing and pricing tactics by carriers such as Northwest, and others who dominate one market or another; however, I don't believe enforcement of antitrust laws is "regulation" as that term is normally used to refer to government.

I personally flew 34 flight segments last year, and virtually all of those flights originated out the Detroit Metro Airport. Frankly, all of my flights out of Detroit Metro last year were on American Airlines so I do not have a personal ax to grind against Northwest, although Northwest's dominance of the Detroit market certainly influences the prices I pay on American and other carriers that I use. Also, I'm convinced Northwest's dominance of this market has resulted in Detroit Metropolitan Airport being not only 36th out of 36 rated airports as a result of a poll a month or two ago, but it is the worst airport that I have ever been in out of probably 50 that I have been flown to around the world.

I will watch with interest how the DOT handles this matter.

Very truly yours,

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Anthony V. Pieroni
President

Enclosures