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This letter is in regards to the protection of small airlines. I believe the major carriers have a major advantage when it comes to pricing of air fairs. They can easily match any discounts made by the smaller carriers, and sustain it indefinitely. It is not going to be an easy fix. I would say force the major carriers to allow the small carrier a certain lead in pricing (one month, two months?) and end their discounts on the same day the smaller carriers do, and not to under cut the smaller airline discount by more than 1% (or even not at all).

I also think the Ralph Nader group, Aviation Consumer Action Project, is all wet. Their fear, that your plan would protect small airlines to the point that they would not reduce prices, is just plain stupid. They will always use price incentives to get passengers, even passengers from other small airlines. Their suggestion, that any discounts be tied in for one year, is probably impossible for some carriers. Don't listen to Aviation Consumer Action Project. Their thinking is very flawed.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely Yours;

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