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DEAR MR. SLATER,

I AM WRITING TO YOU TO APPEAL TO YOUR SENSE OF FAIRNESS. PLEASE PLEASE DO NOT RE-REGULATE THE AIRLINE INDUSTRY. YOUR IDEA OF "A LEVEL PLAYING FIELD" AMOUNTS TO PUNISHMENT FOR OLDER ESTABLISHED AIRLINES. IT IS UNFAIR TO HOLD DOWN ONE BUSINESS SO ANOTHER MAY PROSPER. HAVE YOU NO COMMON SENSE MAN!?!?! IN A NUTSHELL, THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT YOU ARE PROPOSING. THE START-UP AIRLINES NEED TO QUIT WHINING AND WORK HARD TO GET TO WHERE THE BIGGER AIRLINES ARE TODAY. NO GOVERNMENT AGENCY HELPED OUT THE AIRLINES THAT ARE IN ~~THEIR~~ BUSINESS TODAY. WHY DO YOU WANT TO HELP SMALL AIRLINES WHEN YOU KNOW IT WOULD HURT THE ESTABLISHED ONES. THE START UP AIRLINES SHOULD QUIT WHINING AND PAY THERE DOES JUST LIKE AMERICAN, DELTA, UNITED, CONTINENTAL, U.S. AIR, NORTHWEST, ETC. HAD TO DO. WHY PUNISH THESE COMPANIES SO SOME START-UPS CAN ARTIFICIALLY TAKE AWAY BUSINESS FROM ESTABLISHED AIRLINES WITH HELP FROM BIG BROTHER? I HOPE YOU DO NOT HAVE MANY OTHER FOOLISH IDEAS SUCH AS THIS. THIS IS THE FIRST BUSINESS TO MY KNOWLEDGE FROM THE SLATER ERA OF

THE D.O.T. IF THIS IS HOW YOU
PLAN TO RUN THE D.O.T., THEN GOD
HELP US ALL. YOU WILL PUT THOUSANDS
OF BLUE COLLAR HARD WORKING PEOPLE
OUT OF WORK. PLEASE LET THE AIRLINES
COMPETE. LET CONSUMERS MAKE THE CHOICES,
NOT THE GOVERNMENT. LET THE AIRLINES
COMPETE BY SEEING WHO PROVIDES THE BEST
SERVICE, NOT WHOM IS APPOINTED BY THE
D.O.T. PLEASE DO NOT RE-REGULATE THE
AIRLINE INDUSTRY WHICH IS EXACTLY WHAT
YOUR ADMINISTRATION IS DOING WHETHER YOU
ADMIT IT OR NOT. THE AIRLINE BUSINESS IS
TOUGH ENOUGH WITHOUT A LOT OF GOVT.
RED TAPE AND HEAVEY HANDIDNESS.
I WORK IN THE AVIATION INDUSTRY. IF RE-REG-
ULATION COMES TO PASS, I WILL BE ONE OF
THE FIRST TO LOSE MY JOB. I HOPE IN
THE FUTURE THE D.O.T. COMES UP WITH
BETTER & BRIGHTER IDEAS, THAN THIS.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

SINCERELY,

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