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Re: Comments on Docket FAA-2008-0036

Congestion at U.S. hub airports, particularly during peak times, is an issue that requires a long-term, collaborative approach and significant investment to resolve. Any contemplated changes in U.S. Federal policy must balance the needs of air carriers, passengers and airports to achieve a satisfactory outcome and allow growth to continue.

Edmonton Airports believes short-term tactical pricing initiatives or aircraft restrictions will only serve to weaken established services, threaten future growth and potentially have a negative impact in the communities in which these services operate.

In 2007, more than 21 million passengers traveled between the United States and Canada by air. More than 42% of current Transborder seat capacity is operated by regional aircraft. At Edmonton International, more than 50% of seats dispatched are operated by regional aircraft.

Any legislative changes that weaken the viability of these regional services between our two countries should be considered with great caution. The economic and social value of these services, both direct and indirect, to communities across Canada and the U.S. is tremendous. Our collective efforts need to be focused on keeping operating costs low and Transborder skies open.

Yours sincerely,

EDMONTON AIRPORTS

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Reg Milley
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