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Re: Docket No. OST-97-2984 - *9*

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am writing to you today in reference to a matter that is important to me and to my constituents in the O'Hare Airport area. You are presently considering the Application of American Trans Air, Inc. for an Exemption from 14 C.F.R. Part 93 Subparts K and S, pursuant to Section 206(c)(1) of the Federal Aviation Administration Authorization Act of 1994. I would like to offer my support to that application.

ATA's proposal is to provide nonstop service from Chicago-Midway to New York's LaGuardia Airport. Presently, there is no nonstop service from Midway to LaGuardia and only one direct flight daily.

For a number of years I served as a member of the House Transportation Committee and I believe that the granting of this application will help alleviate ground and air traffic congestion around O'Hare.

During the past year, more than 2.5 million passengers flew between Chicago and New York. Clearly, it is a significant market, and we believe that ATA's very competitive fares will create a very favorable situation for the Chicago-New York traveler.

I hope you will give this application careful consideration. By permitting ATA to serve the Midway-LaGuardia market, you will clearly be fulfilling the intent of this legislation and acting in the public interest.

I appreciate the opportunity to offer my comments and look forward to hearing of your decision.

Sincerely yours,

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