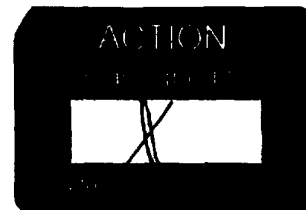


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The Honorable Norman Mineta
Secretary
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400 Seventh Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20590

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Dear Secretary Mineta:

Please allow me this opportunity to express our sincere congratulations to you for your dedicated leadership of the D.O.T. at this unprecedented time in our nation's history.

National Bearings Company is a manufacturer located just 5 miles from Lancaster Airport and continued and increased air service greatly enhances our ability to attract employees and meet the needs of our customers. Since we serve national and even international markets, our need for travel is a given. With time being an extremely important factor in the successful business world, continued service to and from the Lancaster Airport is of utmost importance.

Therefore, I am writing in support of continued air access to/from Lancaster County. As you know, the events of 9/11/01 have resulted in possible loss of air service, a community asset since 1949.

Lancaster County is an economic leader in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania with more than 480,000 residents and more than 234,000 employed by more than 11,000 companies operating in Lancaster County. Lancaster is the second-fastest growing county in Pennsylvania and has enjoyed one of the lowest unemployment rates in the state and in the U.S. for more than ten years. Please join us and KEEP OUR ECONOMY SOARING AND LANCASTER FLYING.

Your time and consideration of the Lancaster community is greatly appreciated. If you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (717) 569-0485.

Sincerely,

Jessica H. May
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President

Cc: The Honorable Arlen Specter
The Honorable Rick Santorum
The Honorable Joseph Pitts