



January 27, 1998

The Honorable Rodney Slater  
Secretary of Transportation  
400 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20590

**RE: DOCKET # OST-98-3333**

Dear Mr. Secretary:

The Charlotte Chamber of Commerce lends its enthusiastic support to US Airways' application to initiate Charlotte-London (Gatwick) service in May of this year.

The benefits to the traveling public would be to connect through US Airways' hub in Charlotte to this important international city. The attached resolution further explains the reasons we are positive about this new service.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carroll D. Gray".

Carroll D. Gray  
President

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Attachment

Cc: Michael Almond, Chair, Charlotte Chamber Aviation Committee  
Donald T. Bliss, Counsel for US Airways ✓  
Sharon Decker, Chair, Charlotte Chamber  
Pat McCrory, Mayor, City of Charlotte  
Jerry Orr, Director of Aviation, Charlotte Douglas International Airport  
Stephen M. Wolf, Chairman and CEO, US Airways



## RESOLUTION

### ENDORISING US AIRWAYS' APPLICATION TO PROVIDE SERVICE BETWEEN CHARLOTTE AND LONDON

**WHEREAS**, the continued growth of Charlotte Douglas International Airport and all its operations are critical to the continued economic prosperity of the Charlotte region, contributing over \$4 billion in annual economic impact; and

**WHEREAS**, international flights strengthen Charlotte's position as a global destination, enhance our ability to retain and attract businesses and provide convenience to the traveling public; and

**WHEREAS**, additional flights to international destinations are strongly desired and supported; and

**WHEREAS**, US Airways provides more than 450 daily flights and direct service to more than 150 cities from Charlotte; and

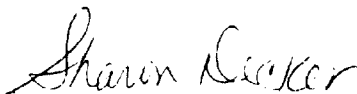
**WHEREAS**, CDIA serves as US Airways' largest hub; and

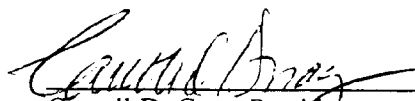
**WHEREAS**, US Airways has filed with the U.S. Department of Transportation for rights to begin service between Charlotte and London's Gatwick Airport starting May 7, 1998; and

**WHEREAS**, US Airways' Chairman Stephen Wolf has indicated that once an open skies agreement has been reached between the U.S. and the U.K., US Airways will move this service to London's Heathrow Airport;

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**, that the Charlotte Chamber Board of Directors formally and enthusiastically endorses US Airways' application to provide service between Charlotte and London, on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1998; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that such support will be formally filed on US Airways' behalf with the U.S. Department of Transportation docket # OST-98-3333 no later than January 30, 1998.

  
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Sharon A. Decker, Chair

  
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Carroll D. Gray, President