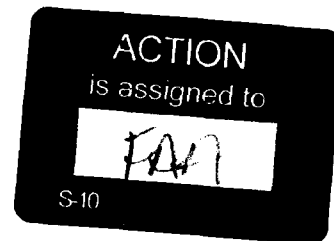


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June 27, 2003

The Honorable Norman Y. Mineta
Secretary of Transportation
400 7th Street S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20590

RE: Proposed Air Freight Increase, IATA resolution 502, Docket OST-2003-14480 -56

Dear Secretary Mineta:

It has been brought to our attention that the Department of Transportation is currently reviewing a significant rate increase that has been proposed by the International Air Transportation Association (IATA). As a US based corporation supporting operations globally, we fear that the increase will drastically affect Avnet and other high tech corporations.

Transportation costs have recently increased due to rising fuel costs and airline security fees. To implement an additional rate increase will have disproportionate hardship on the industry. According to a survey conducted by the Consumer Electronics Association, the proposal represents a \$1.8 - \$2.4 million annual rate increase for the average consumer technology shipping company, which is exporting packages via airfreight.

It is our opinion that IATA has no economic justification supporting the proposed increase. Furthermore, the increased costs will be revenue generators for foreign carriers, not US airlines, as the foreign market derives more of their revenue from cargo shipments than US based airlines.

Considering the unstable economy, we ask that you take our concerns into consideration and deny the proposal. We feel the cost impact will be detrimental. I thank you in advance, for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

Jim Smith

Senior Vice President/Director
EMA Operations

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