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*Senador Distrito San Juan - Guaynabo  
Presidente Comisión de Comercio  
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Dennis DeVany, Chief  
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Office of Aviation Analysis, Room 6401  
Department of Transportation  
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Washington D.C. 20590

Re: Proposal to Provide Essential Air Service at Mayagüez, Puerto Rico  
Docket OST- 2004-19622 - 17  
Essential Air service at Ponce, Puerto Rico  
Docket OST-02000-6592 - 37

Dear Chief DeVany:

Warm greetings from sunny San Juan! Cape Air's local community affairs representative, Luis Mora, has brought to our attention the availability of the San Juan-Mayaguez route. This situation is due to the unfortunate cease of operations by its current provider, American Airlines as of March 2005.

As such, due to Cape Air's importance in our tourism and employment sectors, its total flights within the Caribbean region which amount to 43, its total employees in Puerto Rico which amount to 50, and the potential for Mayaguez which will represent an additional 7 to 8 new jobs, we absolutely support the route approval. We know it is in the best interests and benefits for Puerto Rico and Mayaguez, in particular.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation,

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roberto A. Arango", written over a horizontal line.

Roberto A. Arango  
Senator