

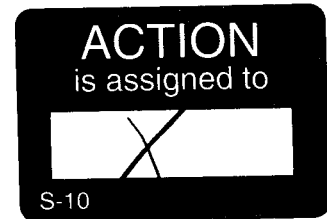
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The Honorable Norman Y. Mineta  
 Secretary  
 United States Department of Transportation  
 400 Seventh Street, N.W.  
 Washington, D.C. 20590

**Re: Chicago - Cancun Combination Service Proceeding (Docket OST-2005-23496) -13**

Dear Secretary Mineta:

I am writing on behalf of the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce to urge that the Department of Transportation approve United Airlines' application to operate nonstop service between Chicago and Cancun, Mexico.

The Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce is a broad-based membership organization that represents the business interests of over 2,600 members in the Chicagoland area.

The Chamber supports United Airlines' proposal to provide nonstop air services between Chicago and Cancun, Mexico. By granting United the newly available designation for this market, Chicago and communities throughout the Chicagoland area will have significantly more convenient service options to Cancun via United's extensive route network at O'Hare. Cancun is a growing leisure destination for Chicago and Illinois-based travelers. Granting United the authority to serve Cancun would strengthen the important economic and cultural links between the two cities as well as the Chicago metropolitan area and the State of Illinois.

United's proposed service to Cancun would greatly benefit Chicago's economy by expanding travel and tourism opportunities as well as increasing business links between our two cities.

For these reasons, we urge you to approve United Airlines' application to provide nonstop service in the Chicago-Cancun market. Doing so would provide increased benefits not only for the people of Chicago and Illinois, but for the entire Midwestern United States.

Sincerely,

Gerald J. Roper  
 President & CEO