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The Honorable Mary E. Peters
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
400 Seventh Street, SW
Suite 10200
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Continental Airlines New York/Newark – Shanghai Application
(Docket OST-2007-28567)

Dear Secretary Peters:

It has come to my attention that, as the result of an agreement recently negotiated between the United States and Chinese Governments, the U.S. Department of Transportation has just issued an order instituting additional air route opportunities between our two countries. The routes will become available to competing U.S. flag carriers over the next three years, and I understand the application process has been greatly simplified and expedited. These awards will be significant, and I am writing to convey my strong support for Continental Airlines' application to provide service between Newark Liberty International and Shanghai, China, commencing in 2009.

Continental's strong operation, global and domestic connectivity at Newark Liberty, in the State of New Jersey, and its award-winning customer service have made the carrier the best and most preferred choice for travel in and out of New York/Newark. Given its experience in China and across Asia, Continental is uniquely qualified to provide consumers with superior service and effective competition in this crucial market. No other application before the Department holds as much benefit to the flying public as Continental's proposal. Continental's operation at Newark Liberty, serves the largest financial and trading center in the world, and is surrounded by the largest population per square mile in the country, including millions of Asian Americans.

Nonstop access to Shanghai, China from New York/Newark is critical – a missing link and key component to the area's economic development vision and Continental's continued growth efforts. I strongly urge that you provide Metropolitan New York City, the City of Newark in the State of New Jersey, and the entire region with the superior daily air service to Shanghai, China that Continental Airlines offers in its application for nonstop authority from Newark Liberty International Airport in 2009.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

JON S. CORZINE