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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**

September 5, 2007

The Honorable Mary E. Peters  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
400 Seventh Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

**Re: DOT U.S.-China Proceeding, DOT Docket OST-2007-28567**

Dear Madam Secretary:

I write to express my support for the application submitted by Delta Air Lines for designations and frequencies to operate daily nonstop service between Atlanta, Georgia, and Shanghai, China in 2007, and daily nonstop service between Atlanta, Georgia and Beijing, China in 2009. Awards to Delta will greatly benefit my constituents in Alabama by establishing Atlanta and the Southeast as a new nonstop gateway to China, filling a substantial service void, and providing enormous consumer and competitive benefits to the hundreds of communities and millions of people who live in and travel to Alabama and the rest of the southeast through Delta's hub in Atlanta each year.

Delta's proposed nonstop services between Atlanta and Shanghai, and between Atlanta and Beijing, will significantly improve the competitive market structure between the U.S. and China in several fundamental respects.

First, Delta will be a new entrant in the U.S.-China market, and as a result will inject competition against the existing incumbent U.S. and foreign airlines.

Second, Atlanta, the world's largest airline hub, will be a new U.S. gateway for nonstop service to China, one of the most important carrier-selection factors. The world's largest airline hub serving 85 million passengers each year should be linked to the world's most populous country. Delta's proposed new services to Shanghai and Beijing will offer a full complement of one-stop connecting service to China to over 150 U.S. communities in the underserved eastern-half of the United States, including 5 communities and the 4.5 million plus citizens in Alabama.

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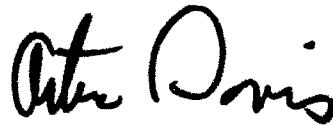
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Third, Delta's service will fill a significant void in service between the United States and China. Delta's proposed nonstop Atlanta-Shanghai and Atlanta-Beijing flights would be the *only* nonstop service to *China* from the *entire southern region of the United States*. Indeed, Delta's proposed Atlanta-Shanghai flight would also be the *only* nonstop U.S.-carrier service to *Shanghai* from the eastern United States. These proposed flights will enhance competition among carriers providing service to Beijing and Shanghai by improving flight times and connecting opportunities for passengers in Alabama. Delta's service will benefit the entire southern region of the country with convenient new service options.

Fourth, Delta is the only major international U.S. airline without authority to serve China and that critical void should be addressed in this proceeding.

For these reasons, I urge you to support the Delta Air Lines' application for the 2007 new entrant designation including seven U.S.-China frequencies for nonstop Atlanta-Shanghai service, and to select Delta for seven of the available 2009 frequencies to provide nonstop Atlanta-Beijing service. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Artur Davis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Artur" and last name "Davis" clearly distinguishable.

Artur Davis  
Member of Congress

cc: Assistant Secretary Andrew Steinberg

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Letter has been served this 5th day of September 2007, upon the following addressees:

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