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The Honorable Mary E. Peters
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

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Dear Secretary Peters:

Re: 2007 US-Colombia Proceeding-OST 2007-0006

As President/CEO of the North Carolina Chamber, I am pleased to write today in support of the 2008 application of US Airways, Inc. ("US Airways") to provide non-stop service between Charlotte and Bogotá, Columbia. The new route will provide the residents and businesses of the state with the convenience of non-stop Colombia service from Charlotte or one-stop flights from other North Carolina cities, will offer shorter elapsed time and more competitive options for travel to Colombia. The benefits to our state's economy of improved transportation links to Colombia will be felt throughout our state.

US Airways has always demonstrated a willingness to meet with our community leaders in an effort to respond to our international as well as domestic service needs. We have every confidence that affording US Airways an opportunity to provide its first service to Colombia and South America will represent a similarly important addition to our longstanding relationship with US Airways. It will bring substantial benefits to both business and tourist travelers from our area to Colombia. US Airways' financial success and remarkable turnaround over the course of the past two years is strong evidence of its ability to maximize the benefits of its significant hub presence throughout the East and West coasts – the same network benefits, which, along with US Airways' dedicated management, will assure the success of US Airways' Colombia service.

The North Carolina Chamber is supportive of US Airways' application to provide non-stop service between Charlotte and Bogotá, Colombia because of the benefits to our state's economy. We therefore urge you to grant US Airways' application.

Thank you for considering our views.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Lewis Ebert", written over a horizontal line.

S. Lewis Ebert
President & CEO