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1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590-0001

**RE: Docket Number: DOT-OST-2007-0108
National Task Force to Develop Model Contingency Plans to Deal with
Lengthy Airline On-Board Ground Delays**

Dear Madame Secretary:

On behalf of the National Air Carrier Association (NACA), I submit our application for consideration to the membership on the National Task Force to Develop Model Contingency Plans to Deal with Lengthy Airline On-Board Ground Delays. Specifically, I write to request that NACA be included as a member of this new federal advisory committee, with the undersigned, in my capacity as President and CEO of the association, to serve as the primary representative of the association.

NACA, formed in 1962, is comprised of 14 air carriers, certificated under Title 49, Part 121 of the Code of Federal Regulations. Our members represent a diverse group of air carriers, providing regularly scheduled passenger air service, non-scheduled and on-demand passenger charter service, and all cargo operations, both scheduled and unscheduled. NACA carriers fill a unique niche in the air carrier industry, offering services in response to ever changing demands by the traveling public and businesses.¹

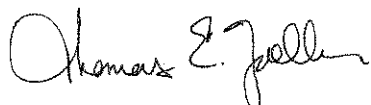
To the extent that this advisory committee would provide input on the development of a national policy relating to lengthy ground delays, the viewpoint of charter and low cost carriers must be included. In addition, I would bring not only my perspective as the representative of our association's carriers, but my extensive background as a former vice president of regulatory affairs for the American Association of Airport Executives and a former chief of staff of the Federal Aviation Administration. This diverse background should prove valuable in understanding the competing needs and desires of the government and other entities in addressing this issue.

As you know, NACA was a participating member of the New York Aviation Rulemaking Committee. As this task force continues the work of Department in addressing excessive delays, we strongly believe that NACA is a logical member for the new task force.

¹ NACA carriers include: Allegiant Air, ATA Airlines, Atlas Air Worldwide Holdings, Champion Air, Gemini Air Cargo, Miami Air International, North American Airlines, Omni Air International, Pace Airlines, Ryan Air International, Southern Air, Sun Country, USA3000 Airlines, and World Air Holdings.

Thank you for your consideration of our request. We look forward to serving on this important task force. If you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (703) 358-8065 or by email at tzoeller@naca.cc.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas E. Zoeller". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'T' and a long, sweeping underline.

Thomas E. Zoeller
President and CEO