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Washington, DC 20515**

May 22, 2008

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Hon. Mary E. Peters
Secretary of Transportation
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Peters,

We are writing to let you know that we support Evergreen International Airlines' application for authority to provide scheduled all-cargo service between Shanghai, China and John F. Kennedy Airport, (JFK) New York with intermediate stops at Rickenbacker International Airport in Columbus, Ohio, among other U.S. cities. We were pleased to learn of Evergreen's plans to operate this service, and welcome the opportunity to let you know of our support.

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We believe there is a strong need for cargo service between Shanghai and JFK that the airlines currently operating in the market cannot meet. Evergreen's proposal will help fill this gap by offering six widebody frequencies per week between the U.S. and Shanghai. This is an important increase in capacity and in frequency. It will enable shippers to bring their time-sensitive products to market more quickly, and encourage more local involvement in international trade.

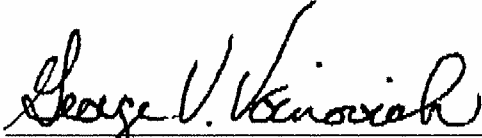
The Ohio region will benefit from the significant economic impact that Evergreen's proposed service will provide to our community. The recent opening of the Rickenbacker Intermodal Terminal and this possible increase in air cargo service will expand the capacity at the existing Rickenbacker Global Logistics Park, support local business initiatives, give area shippers better export options, and attract other companies to central Ohio. Economic impact studies of new air cargo service between the U.S. and China have found that a new service such as that proposed by Evergreen would have a positive economic impact of approximately \$27 million annually as a result of increased local economic activity, spending, and new jobs.

The Columbus-Shanghai market is currently underserved. Rickenbacker International Airport currently has no scheduled mainland China service. The Columbus area needs expanded service and increased competition in the US-China cargo market. In order to respond to the ever increasing commercial activity between the two countries, Evergreen's proposed operation will immediately add six westbound flights, with capacity of more than 600 tons per week to the US-China markets. This is a vast improvement both in frequency and capacity over the already robust, yet limited service that Evergreen is able to offer at present, on a strictly charter basis. Shippers will have better import and export options at JFK and Columbus, as well as Chicago and Dallas and traffic already exists to support these new flights.

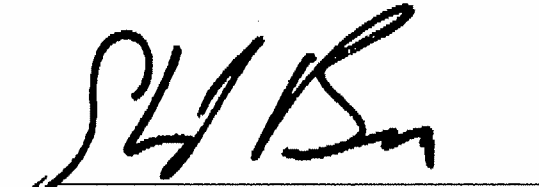
Evergreen is well-known to customers in the U.S.-China markets. For years it has conducted a successful cargo charter operation in China. It is presently offering highly reliable and professional services within the limitations imposed by the charter authority that it must utilize.

We are pleased to know that in the past several years, Evergreen has operated the major portion of the available charters between the U.S. and China. Its ability to make up and break down shipments is particularly valuable since it removes a significant burden that we would otherwise face. This is a capability that other carriers in the market simply do not offer. In summary, we eagerly welcome Evergreen's entry into the U.S.-Shanghai scheduled all-cargo markets, and urge you to consider them for designation as a scheduled cargo carrier in 2009.

Thank you for your consideration,



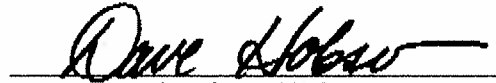
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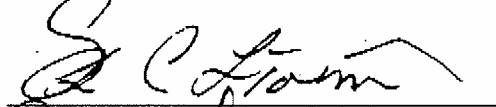
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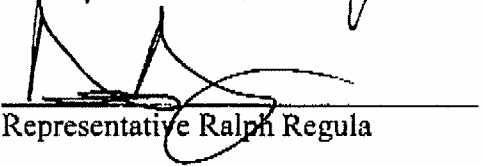
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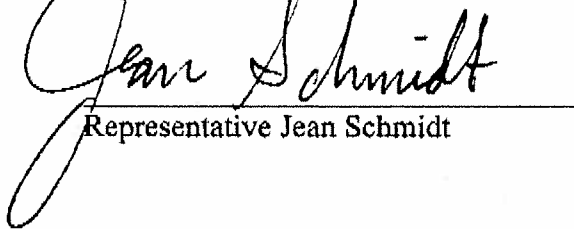
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