

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao
Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Docket DOT-OST-2020-0012

Dear Secretary Chao:

I am writing to follow up on my previous letter, respectfully requesting that the Department grant, as expeditiously as possible, the Application of Philippine Airlines, Inc. ("PAL") for an Exemption from 49 U.S.C. § 41310 to allow PAL to provide scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property, and mail between Manila, Philippines, and Seattle, Washington.

As the Managing Director of Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, I represent a community that stands to benefit enormously from PAL's proposed nonstop Manila-Seattle service. Washington State is home to one of the nation's largest Filipino-American communities, and this proposed service would be our only nonstop flight to the Philippines. We have been working on securing this service for many years, and we are very grateful that PAL has now indicated to us their desire to begin operating this route as soon as possible in order to effectively serve peak season demand.

While I understand that United Airlines has separate concerns about their ability to receive favorable Manila slot times from the Filipino government authorities, this is not relevant to the matter at hand and should not be used as a tactic to prevent or delay a private air carrier from serving a U.S. market. I urge you to consider that deferring action on PAL's application would penalize our longstanding efforts to serve the public interest by providing service to our largest unserved market. As always, I thank you for your continued consideration of this matter.

Respectfully,



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