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Secretary Elaine L. Chao
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao,

I am writing in regards to a recent filing by Delta Air Lines seeking permission from the Department of Transportation to suspend all service to Orlando Melbourne International Airport, which is in my district, due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

As you know Orlando Melbourne International Airport is an economic opportunity zone and has attracted millions of dollars in private sector investment, as well as, millions of dollars in taxpayer funds to expand the airport facilities to meet growing needs. Expansion of Orlando Melbourne International Airport has been a priority and there is concern about what this will mean for plans going forward, current jobs and future job creation, as well as the ability of neighboring companies to conduct their business.

We have been proud to have Delta Air Lines service the Melbourne area and hope we can continue to rely on their service. I ask that you take into consideration Orlando Melbourne International Airport's status as an opportunity zone making this important decision. Thank you for your continued service to our nation.

Sincerely,



Bill Posey
Member of Congress