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The Honorable Carrie P. Meek U. **S**: House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 205 15-09 17

Dear Congresswoman Meek:

Thank you for your letter supporting the application of American Airlines to provide service between Miami and **Sao Paulo**, Brazil.

Under a June 8 Memorandum of Consultations, representatives of the United States and Brazil agreed to amendments to the U.S.-Brazil aviation greement!hailjjirifica&ly expand the opportunities for U.S. carriers to serve Brazil. Under the amended agreement, the three U.S. carriers authorized to provide scheduled combination air services between the countries may now operate up to 16 weekly additional frequencies for a total of 77 weekly flights. American, United Air Lines, and Tower Air, the three carriers serving Brazil, have filed applications to use the flights. The combined requests of these carriers exceed the number of flights available.

Since American's application is pending and is contested by the other applicant,; 1 am sure you understand that it would not be appropriate for me to comment on the merits.

I assure you, however, that the Department will consider all relevant factors in making a decision in this case.

A copy of your letter and myreply will be placed in the correspondence section of Docket 504 15 and in the file for contacts outside the record of the case.

I appreciate your interest in this matter. If you have any questions concerning the status of this case, please do not hesitate to contact me or Steven Palmer, Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs, at (202) 366473.

Sincerely,

Federico Peña

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Hon. Federico Pena **Department Of Transportation** Room 10200 400 7th St SW Washington, DC 20590-0001

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I write in strong support of the application (Docket 50415) by American Airlines for nonstop service five days a week between Miami and Sao Paulo, Brazil.

American's proposal will significantly enhance travel options for the public because Miami International is a major hub for nonstop flights throughout North, Central and South America, the Caribbean and Europe. It has excellent, state-of-theindustry facilities for serving this new route. In addition, Miami International Airport is one of the largest international airports in the country and is the largest employer in Dade County. Establishment of this route would create new job opportunities in our community.

I urge your expeditious and favorable consideration of this application. Thank you for your kind attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

CARRIE P. MEEK Member of Congress

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