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The Honorable Emanuel R. Gold
New York State Senate
Albany, NY 12247

Dear Mr. Gold:

Thank you for your letter to Secretary Peña outlining your opposition to the application of Spirit Airlines for an exemption from the slot rules at New York's **LaGuardia** Airport. Secretary **Peña** has asked me to respond to you.

Since Spirit Airlines' application is currently pending before the Department, it is inappropriate for me to comment on the specific issues in this proceeding. However, I appreciate having the benefit of your views and I assure you that your comments will be given careful consideration.

Thank you for your interest in this matter. We have placed copies of your letter and this response in the correspondence section of Docket OST-95-265.

Sincerely,

Patrick V. Murphy
Acting Assistant Secretary for
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July 6, 1995

The Honorable Federico **Pena**
Secretary
U. S. Department of Transportation
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Dear Mr. **Pena**:

I have recently been informed of an application (Docket Number 50366) by Spirit Airlines, a Detroit-based carrier, for an exemption to the **FAA** High Density Rule, which limits the number of take-offs and landings at LaGuardia Airport. If granted this exemption, Spirit Airlines will be able to fly ten new flights beyond the current limit.

My constituency has always been quite concerned and very vocal about increasing noise and dense traffic in the areas surrounding LaGuardia Airport. And although I realize that there are extraordinary situations when it would be in the public's best interest to waive the High Density Rule, I do not feel that an exemption is necessary at this time. There are already nine daily round trips between Detroit and LaGuardia.

I am opposed to the exemption request by Spirit Airlines and I urge you to deny their application. Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Emanuel R. Gold".

EMANUEL R. GOLD
State Senator

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