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The Honorable Frank Padavan
New York State Senator
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Dear Mr. Padavan:

Thank you for your recent letter to Secretary Slater in support of air transportation from New York to Brazil and Uruguay. The Secretary has requested that I respond to your letter.

By Order 98-5-27, the Department instituted the *1998 U.S.-Brazil Combination Service Case*, Docket OST-98-3863, to select an air carrier to operate seven weekly frequencies available for US.-Brazil combination services effective October 1, 1998. Delta Air Lines is one of four applicants for such authority and has proposed to operate service from New York with service beyond Brazil to Uruguay. Since Delta's application is one of several applications pending before the Department for the available authority, I am sure you can understand that I cannot comment on the merits of any application. I assure you, however, that we will consider all relevant factors in making our decision.

As is our normal practice, I am placing a copy of your letter and my response in Docket OST-98-3863 and in the file for contacts outside the record of the case.

I appreciate your interest in this matter.,

Sincerely ,

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Honorable Rodney Slater
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RE: 1998 U.S. Brazil Combination
Service Proceeding, Docket
OST-98-3863

Dear Secretary Slater:

I am writing to you to strongly support the application of Delta Air Lines for route authority to serve New York-Brazil/Uruguay.

As you know, the U.S. Brazil air transport corridor is tightly regulated and opportunities to introduce new service are rare, indeed.

Delta has a major presence at its New York hub (JFK), and will provide convenient nonstop service to Brazil and one stop, single plane service to Uruguay; this service will directly benefit millions of travelers, shippers and businesses in the New York region.

Further, it will enhance competition especially against foreign carriers that dominate the New York-Brazil market which is the most important aviation market in South America, and whose economy has enormous growth potential.

I know you will give Delta Air Lines every consideration in your evaluation of their application and the benefits it will bring to the New York metropolitan region.

Sincerely,

Frank Padavan

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