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The Honorable Rodney Slater
Secretary U. S. Dept. of Transportation
400 7th Street SW Room PL-401
Washington DC 20590

RE: Docket OST-1998-3713: -1229
Policy Statement Regarding Unfair Exclusionary Practices

Dear Mr. Slater,

I am writing to you to oppose the regulating of the airline industry. Although I am a United Airline employee, I am also a constituent. I understand that the government feels that the competition in the airline industry is too much for smaller airlines to compete with. As with any other business, larger businesses can put smaller ones out of business. While I can see that competition has downfalls, I also see it improving service and lowering prices. Reregulation would inhibit this process that is necessary in all businesses throughout our country.

As you may be aware of, United Airlines employees purchased the company and are working very hard to turn it into a profitable business. United employees also took a major wage cut in 1994 so that we could accomplish this. Over 90,000 employees in our company took a financial risk and devoted themselves to improving the airline industry. I feel that the government has enough guidelines for airlines to abide by. Keeping safety first and foremost, I think it would be detrimental to airlines and passengers to further regulate the airlines.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



Jamie R. Bartrom