

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

November 24, 2009

Mr. Douglas Parker
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
US Airways Group, Inc.
111 West Rio Salado Parkway
Tempe, AZ 85281

Dear Mr. Parker:

We are writing to state our serious concerns regarding the recent announcement that US Airways plans to close its Boston domicile. The Boston crew base has been in existence since the 1940's providing good paying jobs and contributing to the economy and tax base of New England communities. Given the current economic climate, we are concerned about the impact that this decision could have on the people of Massachusetts.

US Airways is a valued contributor to the economy of our region. Boston's Logan airport serves our communities that support our World leading high tech industries, universities, research and development, and championship sports franchises. Many consumers have come to depend on the services you currently offer out of Massachusetts.

We are concerned that the closure of the Boston crew base will displace many employees and will harm the New England economy in these perilous economic times. It is our understanding that four hundred jobs, including flight attendants, support staff, and 145 well compensated pilot positions, will be relocated from the Northeast to other areas of the country.


The economic impact on the region could be significant, and the effect on workers' families would be devastating as employees are forced to choose between relocating for their jobs or navigating an extremely difficult job market that may not enable them to access the resources needed to feed their families and remain in their homes. Many of the workers operating the one day shuttle pairings are single parents and are the sole source of health care for their families.

This decision will also affect consumers. We are concerned that the US Airways flights out of Boston will be serviced by a less experienced crew and that the Airbus aircraft will be replaced by Embraer-190 aircraft, which we understand do not have the capabilities and seating capacity of the Airbus. The cost of reduced operational integrity and comfort to passengers is a matter of concern to all consumers.

For the reasons above, we respectfully request you revisit and reverse plans to close the Boston domicile. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,


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John F. Kerry




Barney Frank



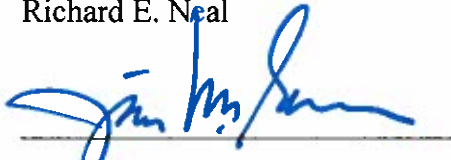
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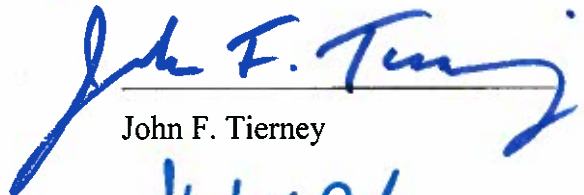
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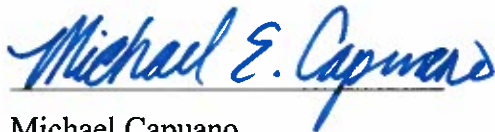
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