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The Honorable Rodney E. Slater  
Secretary of Transportation  
Docket Section  
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Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Slater:

March 10, 2000 is the deadline for approval of the British Airways/American Airlines request for authority to code-share. The Pittsburgh International Airport and the surrounding community strongly urge you to deny the request.

Our position is driven by the British Government's failure to support the award of a route for US Airways between Pittsburgh and London (Gatwick). No further competitive benefits should be given to British Airways, or to any other British carrier, until such time as a more equal, competitive environment is established for US-UK air service.

Mr. Secretary, you have attempted valiantly to resolve the inequities contained in the Bermuda 2 Accord, and we deeply appreciate your efforts. The failure of the British Government to take the necessary action to restore air service between Pittsburgh and London in the face of your persistent efforts, makes it imperative that the U.S. Government take a strong and unambiguous position in all matters involving US-UK air service. The denial of the British Airways/American Airlines code share request is one of a number of actions the US government should take to demonstrate its resolve.

Thank you for your consideration of our views.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Kent G. George".

Kent G. George, A.A.E.  
Executive Director

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