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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

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The Honorable Elaine L. Chao
Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

Sec. Chao

I write in strong support of United Airlines' recent application to the Department of Transportation (DOT) for six daily nonstop flights to Haneda Airport in Japan. The new flights at Haneda Airport would begin in summer of 2020 pending completion of an aviation agreement between the United States and Japan. United's proposal would benefit travelers and our economy by connecting five of the six largest metropolitan areas in the United States mainland to Tokyo.

Included in United's proposal is a new flight from Newark Liberty International Airport (EWR) to Haneda Airport. This first-ever service from EWR to Tokyo Haneda would connect two of the world's largest metro areas and build on United's existing flights from EWR to Narita International Airport in Japan. United's proposal would connect Haneda with 43 United States airports totaling 1.2 million annual bookings to Tokyo, creating a more convenient and better options for travelers visiting each country. EWR currently does not have a nonstop route to Haneda Airport despite approximately four million people living within 20 miles of the airport.

United's proposal would offer service to areas where demand is highest across the United States. This helps realize the full potential of routes for consumers and businesses in a way that simplifies connections to end points in each country. Based on the positive impacts it will have for New Jersey, the United States, and Japan, I urge DOT to approve United Airlines' recent application for six daily nonstop flights to Haneda Airport in Japan.

Thank you very much for your time and attention to this request.

Sincerely,

Bill Pascrell, Jr.

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Member of Congress