



DANE COUNTY

Joe Parisi
County Executive

January 21, 2014

The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

The Honorable Michael P. Huerta
Administrator
Federal Aviation Administration
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On behalf of residents, business owners, and visitors of Dane County, I strongly urge the Department to move swiftly to grant the request of Republic Airlines to prevent any disruption to this important daily service.

Sincerely,

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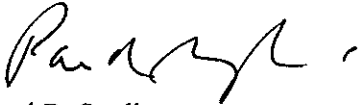
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Paul R. Soglin
Mayor



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Rebecca M. Blank
Chancellor



Wisconsin Technology Council

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Dear Secretary Foxx and Administrator Huerta:

On behalf of the Wisconsin Technology Council, which is the independent, non-profit science and technology advisory group to the state of Wisconsin and its tech community, I write to urge you to prevent the discontinuation of non-stop air service from Dane County Regional Airport (MSN) in Madison, Wis., to Washington, D.C. (DCA).

As you know, Republic Airways recently divested Frontier Airlines, which resulted in the termination of a flight agreement, therefore ending non-stop service from Madison to Washington, D.C. (DCA) in the near future.

We strongly support the request of Republic Airlines to allow Shuttle America to continue direct flights to DCA under the Delta Connection brand – utilizing the available Republic Airways slots.

The Dane County Regional Airport serves the city of Madison, which is the capital of Wisconsin, as well as a much larger region that extends into much of Wisconsin and northern Illinois. The retention of DCA service to Washington's preferred airport is vital to our community, our region, and the travelers who make the MSN-DCA run one of the busiest and successful at the airport.

If Shuttle America is not able to continue the Madison-DCA flights, direct access to this critical "capital-to-capital" service will be lost and citizens and businesses will feel the loss. Such a break in service would not be in the public interest. Here are some reasons why we believe this service is vital to Wisconsin's technology community:

- The D.C. area is home to federal agencies (such as the Food and Drug Administration) that regulate the life sciences sector and which provide important support for academic researchers. That also includes the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation, the National Institutes for Standards and Technology, the Department of Health and Human Services and the U.S. Department of Energy, among many more.



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- The UW-Madison has ranked among the nation's top five research and development universities for more than 20 years in a row. This year, the UW-Madison will spend more than \$.11 billion on R&D projects, about two-thirds of which stems from federal grants. Air connections for UW-Madison faculty and researchers – who also support private companies in the region – are vital.
- The UW-Madison ranks third nationally among academic institutions in total patents issued in the latest reporting year. That means there is significant air traffic related to the U.S. Patent and Trade Office in the Washington area.
- The world's largest electronic health records company, Epic Systems, is located in the Madison area. It has about 6,800 employees today and continues to grow. A significant portion of that workforce is “in the air” constantly to maintain and install software at major medical facilities and clinics. A significant portion of that work is located in the D.C. area.
- While known as the nation's government center, the Washington area, including northern Virginia and suburban Maryland, is home to a number of tech companies in sectors such as information technology, pharmaceuticals and more. Those are precisely the kind of partners who work with tech-based companies in the Madison area, of which there are more than 600, according to our latest figures.
- Those local companies work in spaces such as biotechnology, bio-agriculture, medical and bio-medical research, micro-electronics, contract R&D, software and Internet services. Collectively, they represent \$6.6 billion in annual sales, revenue and government awards or contracts.
- About 10 percent of our region's total employment is in the high-tech area, a significant share of the total private sector employment.

On behalf of Wisconsin's technology community, I strongly urge the Department to move swiftly to grant the request of Republic Airlines to use available DCA slots for Shuttle America service to DCA to prevent a temporary disruption to this important daily service. It is our understanding the secretary alone has the discretion to grant the relief sought by Republic and to determine what circumstances qualify as “exceptional” under 49 U.S.C. § 41714(d). It would seem there is no more exceptional circumstance or exceptional need than to allow Republic to continue a successful and established nonstop service linking Madison and DCA.

If you have questions or need more information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Thomas W. Still, president



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Sincerely,

Carl E. Gulbrandsen
Managing Director



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The Dane County Regional Airport serves the City of Madison, the Capital of the State of Wisconsin, and more than five million residents of the south-central Wisconsin region. In addition, the Dane County Regional Airport serves visitors from around the globe who come to Madison for leisure and business travel, convention and conference attendance.

Tourism accounts for over \$1.9 billion in direct spending in Dane County supported by such notable events as the world's largest dairy industry exposition and trade show, World Dairy Expo, Ironman Wisconsin, and Epic Users Group meetings. These travelers rely on connections from major destinations such as Washington D.C. and we rely on their visits to keep our economy healthy.

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On behalf of the Greater Madison Convention & Visitors Bureau and the Madison Area Sports Commission and the many visitors we represent, I strongly urge the Department to move swiftly to grant the request of Republic Airlines the ability to use available DCA slots for Shuttle America service to DCA to prevent a temporary disruption to this important daily service.

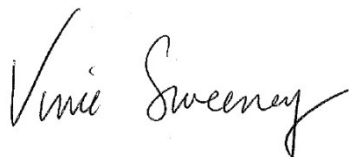
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Deb Archer, President & CEO
Greater Madison Convention & Visitors Bureau
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Joel Weitz, Owner, President, & PGA Professional, Vitense Golfland
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Vince Sweeney, Vice Chancellor for University Relations, University of Wisconsin -Madison
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Jack E. Daniels, III, Ph.D., President

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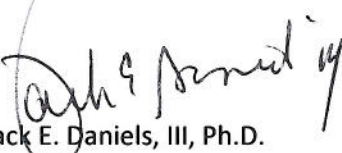
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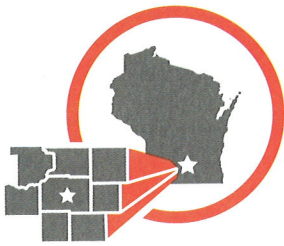
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The retention of this service to Washington D.C.'s preferred airport is vital to our institution. Madison College Administrators regularly travel to Washington D.C. for business meetings, training, and conventions. College administrators maintain active membership with several organizations to ensure the College is always on the cutting edge of higher education administration. Several of these organizations regularly meet in Washington D.C.

On behalf of Madison Area Technical College, I strongly urge the Department to move swiftly to grant the request of Republic Airlines the ability to use available DCA slots for Shuttle America service to DCA to prevent a temporary disruption to this important daily service.

Best Regards,


Jack E. Daniels, III, Ph.D.
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MADISON REGION ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP

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Dear Secretary Foxx and Administrator Huerta:

I am president of the Madison Region Economic Partnership (MadREP) which serves Dane County, WI and the seven counties that border it. I am writing to urge you to prevent the discontinuation of non-stop air service from the Dane County Regional Airport (MSN) in Madison to Washington D.C. (DCA). This potential exists because of Republic's divestiture of Frontier, which resulted in the termination of a flight agreement, therefore threatening to end the service in the near future.

The Dane County Regional Airport serves the State's Capitol and more than one million residents of the MadREP region. Therefore, on behalf of the thousands of business travelers I represent, I strongly support the request of Republic Airlines to allow Shuttle America to continue direct flights to DCA under the Delta Connection brand.

The importance of this flight cannot be understated. MSN sends nearly 150 passengers to Washington D.C. daily and, in addition to connecting our state capitol to our nation's capitol for public policy issues, this flight enables business travelers, entrepreneurs, investors, educators and tourists to access one of the most important cities in the world. Such travel is instrumental in helping us grow our economy here in the MadREP region and beyond.

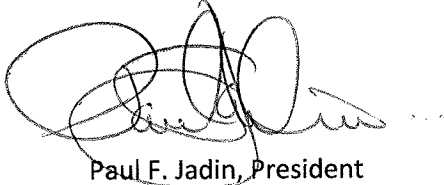
Additionally, Madison is home to one of the premier research institutions in the world, the University of Wisconsin, and the direct connection to Washington D.C. is critical to its continued success in collaborating with the National Institute of Health, The Center for Disease Control, The US Health Department and the Smithsonian.

While we recognize that there are legitimate protocols for continuation of air service it is our belief that this situation begs for a logical solution. In other words, if the service is needed, and no one disputes that, and if the flight is generating profit for the current carrier, and if there is a new carrier who is capable and willing to assume the service then why on earth would anyone allow it to be discontinued?

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Therefore, we would respectfully ask Secretary Foxx to grant the relief being requested by Republic and, if necessary, act under the "exceptional" clause of 49 U.S.C. §4171 14(d) to guarantee the continuation of this vital service.

Sincerely and respectfully,

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Paul F. Jadin, President
Madison Region Economic Partnership



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On behalf of the Middleton Chamber of Commerce and the Dane County Regional Airport community, I strongly urge the Department to move swiftly to grant the request of Republic Airlines the ability to use available DCA slots for Shuttle America service to DCA to prevent a temporary disruption to this important daily service.

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Van W. Nutt
Executive Director



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On behalf of the Greater Madison Chamber of Commerce and its more than 1,300 member businesses, I urge you to prevent the discontinuation of this service, which is critical to Madison area residents and businesses.

Washington, D.C. is the top destination market for MSN travelers for many reasons. Not only is Madison home to Wisconsin's state government, it is also home to UW-Madison, the state's flagship university. UW-Madison consistently ranks among the top research universities in the nation, making access to federal agencies like National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation, the Department of Health and Services, and others absolutely essential.

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It is our understanding that the Secretary alone has the discretion to grant the relief sought by Republic and to determine what circumstances qualify as "exceptional" under 49 U.S.C. § 41714(d). It is clear that disruption in this daily service would create exceptional harm, which is why we support the request of Republic Airlines to use available DCA slots for nonstop Shuttle America service to DCA.

Thank you for your consideration to this important matter. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions.

With high regard,

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Zach Brandon
President

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Dear Secretary Foxx and Administrator Huerta:


I was disappointed to learn that Frontier Airlines will no longer offer its daily non-stop air service from Dane County Regional Airport (MSN) in Madison, WI to Washington, DC (DCA) as of January 31, 2014. The daily roundtrip flight between Madison and Washington is a valuable service for the many faculty physicians at UW Health that regularly travel to Washington to meet with Members of Congress and the Administration, as well as to participate in conferences concerned with medical research and the provision of health care.

By way of background, UW Health consists of the University Of Wisconsin School Of Medicine and Public Health, the University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics and University of Wisconsin Medical Foundation, the clinical practice organization for the faculty physicians of the UW School of Medicine and Public Health. Many of our physicians are renowned for their innovative work in medical research and the delivery of quality patient care.

While the retention of the daily non-stop service to Washington, D.C. is critical to UW Health, by all accounts this is a popular and economically successful flight. It is vitally important that our faculty and staff have efficient access to Washington, D.C. in order to assure that Wisconsin residents are represented in policymaking and scientific debates.

The retention of the flight will serve the public interest and I strongly urge the Department to move swiftly to grant the request of Republic Airlines the ability to use available DCA slots for Shuttle America service to DCA to prevent a temporary disruption to this important daily service.

Sincerely,



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Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer
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If direct access from Madison to DCA is discontinued, both my personal time and economic status will be significantly impacted, as I will spend additional travel time in the air and perhaps increased cost for connecting flights. I do not believe that such a result would be either in the best interest of myself or the public.

As a member of the Dane County Regional Airport community, I strongly urge the Department to move swiftly to grant the request of Republic Airlines the ability to use available DCA slots for Shuttle America service to DCA to prevent a temporary disruption to this important daily service.

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