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Vice Premier Wu Yi
C/O Ambassador Zhou Wenzhou
Embassy of the People's Republic of China
2300 Connecticut Ave., NW
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Dear Vice Premier Wu:

As you are aware, our two countries are engaged in civil aviation negotiations pursuant to a mutual commitment made during the December session of the Strategic Economic Dialogue (SED). China and the United States agreed to make meaningful progress towards amending our bilateral aviation relations by the time of the second SED meeting.

We, the undersigned, are writing to express our full support for the efforts of the U.S. Departments of State, Transportation, and Commerce in their current endeavors to achieve a fully-liberalized aviation regime with China.

As China and the United States, the largest developing nation and largest developed nation, seek to build a harmonious long-term relationship it is important we address issues that may hinder these efforts. One such issue is the imbalance of bilateral trade. We cannot address the problem if China insists on parity or dominance in each economic sector. An important objective of the SED is to redress such imbalances and civil aviation is one sector in which the United States and China can begin to address the imbalance with relative ease.

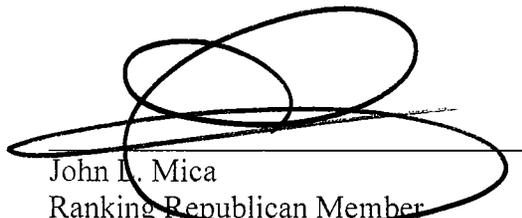
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The United States has tabled a proposal in the negotiations that would incrementally liberalize our aviation relationship over a defined transition period that will culminate in full liberalization. The U.S. proposal would give the airlines of our two countries needed flexibility to tailor their operations according to the needs of the marketplace. Such a regime will foster services to your cities and ours that could otherwise be delayed for many years. In fact, only five U.S. cities have nonstop access to China. The additional rights that a new agreement would allow would provide for connecting additional U.S. cities to airports throughout China. We believe that such an agreement is fair and will serve both nations well as our economic, cultural, and political ties deepen, whereas the present agreement has resulted in limited services to a relatively few markets.

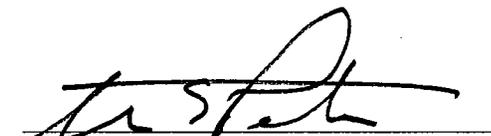
We firmly believe that an expansion of air services that would take place under the liberalized regime contemplated by the U.S. proposal will bring our two great nations closer together, fostering mutual understanding and increased person-to-person contacts. Not only will U.S. and Chinese business benefit by an expansion of services, but tourism opportunities will also be significantly bolstered. We hope you will join us in supporting efforts to realize full liberalization between China and the United States.

We sincerely appreciate your interest in this matter.

Respectfully,



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