



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

TODD GLORIA

MAYOR

June 21, 2023

The Honorable Maria Cantwell
Chairwoman
Commerce, Science, & Transportation
Committee
511 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C 20510

The Honorable Ted Cruz
Ranking Member
Commerce, Science, & Transportation
Committee
167 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C 20510

The Honorable Sam Graves
Chairman
Transportation & Infrastructure
Committee
1135 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C 20515

The Honorable Rick Larsen
Ranking Member
Transportation & Infrastructure
Committee
2163 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C 20515

Re: Support for Enabling More Access to Washington's Reagan National Airport.

Dear Chairwoman Cantwell, Ranking Member Cruz, Chairman Graves, and Ranking Member Larsen:

As Mayor of the City of San Diego, I write in support of recent efforts that would enable our city to have an opportunity for a non-stop flight to the Reagan National Airport (DCA) in our Nation's capital. As FAA Reauthorization negotiations continue, I ask you to find an amicable solution to expand flight access to DCA.

As America's eighth largest City, San Diego is the largest passenger market located outside the perimeter without non-stop service to DCA. As the City with the largest concentration of military assets in the world and the largest federal military workforce in the country, a growing biotech and innovation economy, and a top

binational tourist destination, having a direct flight to our nation's capital is essential for our continued growth.

If an accommodation can be found, and additional slot opportunities become law, it would give the City of San Diego the opportunity to secure non-stop service to DCA which would better connect our defense, research, and innovation economies, such as travelers between the headquarters of Navy Region Southwest and the Pentagon, who currently must endure on average 90 minutes of extra travel time compared to other circuitous routes to the nation's capital.

I appreciate your leadership in seeking a workable solution to what has traditionally been a difficult issue. For us in San Diego, the benefits cannot be overstated, and we look forward to competing for the opportunity gain this vital non-stop service. Should you have any questions about this letter, please contact Walt Bishop, Deputy Director of Government Affairs, at WBishop@sandiego.gov.

Sincerely,



TODD GLORIA
Mayor
City of San Diego

CC:

Senator Dianne Feinstein
Senator Alex Padilla
Representative Scott Peters
Representative Juan Vargas
Representative Sara Jacobs
Representative Mike Levin
Representative Darrell Issa