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Chambers of Commerce from Across the Country Urge Attorney General Holder to Settle Suit with American Airlines and US Airways

26 local business organizations unite in call for Department of Justice to allow the combination of the two airlines to proceed

MIAMI – More than two dozen Chambers of Commerce and economic development groups have joined the growing chorus of support for the combination of American Airlines and US Airways. In a letter to Attorney General Eric Holder today, the long list of business advocates said the creation of the new American “will benefit the U.S. economy, the airline industry and local communities throughout the United States.”

The letter urges the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) to settle its lawsuit against the combination of American Airlines and US Airways. As representatives of local businesses around the country – including Chambers of Commerce from Chicago, Washington D.C., Boston, Los Angeles, Miami, Philadelphia and Charlotte – these groups know that the new airline will spur economic growth in their communities and “help connect businesses with customers wherever they are.”

“More competition in the airline industry will help everyone, even as the new American delivers greater benefits to consumers, businesses, labor, and the local communities it serves,” the letter said.

The combination has drawn an unprecedented level of support from the employees of the two airlines because it will provide the growth that ensures job security and better advancement opportunities for over 100,000 employees. These employees, the letter notes, “are the people who patronize our members’ stores and live in our towns. Job security for them helps strengthen local economies around the country.”

The letter praises the airlines as model corporate citizens and says that with more than 6,700 daily flights to 336 locations in over 50 countries, the new American Airlines will offer more options to travelers, businesses and organizations.

The full text of the letter with a list of signatories is attached.

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