

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-1101

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

Re: DOT-OST-2010-0018

Dear Secretary Foxx,

I would like to thank you for your continued effort in streamlining our aviation system and strengthening the infrastructure of communities across this great nation.

I am writing to voice my strong support of Hawaiian Airline's application to provide daily non-stop service between Tokyo International Airport at Haneda and Kona International Airport on Hawai'i Island. After Delta Airlines reduced their frequency of non-stop service between Seattle and Tokyo, I believe that reallocating this service to Hawaiian Airlines and connecting Haneda to Kona will be of tremendous value for our local, national, and international markets.

Out of the four Haneda-U.S. routes awarded in 2010, Hawaiian's Tokyo-Honolulu service has been by far the most successful and stable. A new route between Haneda and Kona would provide an increased benefit to the Tokyo-Kona market, which is one of the largest U.S. destination markets without non-stop service. Annually, the Hawai'i Tourism Authority estimates that non-stop daily service would bring in nearly 92,000 visitors to Kona. In addition, Hawaiian Airlines calculates that the 39,000 of those visitors will be new visitors to the state and such an increase would generate 1,151 new jobs, \$65 million in new direct spending and \$117 million in total new sales.

With Hawaiian Airlines' reputation in Japan as being superior for their quality of service and genuine Aloha Spirit, there is no doubt that the additional service between Haneda and Kona will emulate the continued success of Hawaiian's Tokyo-Honolulu service.

Mahalo,



MARK TAKAI
Member of Congress