



Association of Professional Flight Attendants

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Office of the National President

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

Dear Secretary Foxx:


As the National President of the Association of Professional Flight Attendants (APFA), representing almost 25,000 Flight Attendants of the new American Airlines, I am writing you in support of my company's efforts to operate the daily U.S. to Haneda frequency currently held by Delta Airlines.

American Airlines should have the ability to compete with service to Tokyo's best airport just like United, and the Star Alliance, and Delta and Sky Team. Rather than expanding the traveling public's access to the Japanese market, Delta is instead hoarding the route to block other carriers from offering that service thereby hurting the traveling public on both sides of the Pacific. Delta is acting in direct contradiction to promises they made when they were granted this route.

Delta is acting like the child who demanded more dessert than he could possibly eat when in fact he's just preventing others from getting any. This is not the way route allocation should work. Since, by their own actions, they have clearly demonstrated that this route is unprofitable for them, a promise by Delta that they will now fly it without interruption, only shows that they are willing to incur even greater costs to prevent competition. This behavior should not be rewarded. Accordingly, the Department of Transportation should immediately reallocate the route to a carrier that will use it in the public's interest. American Airlines stands ready.

The APFA is excited about the commitment American's new management team has made to expanding service. Our professional Flight Attendants are certainly ready and willing to start flying to Haneda. On behalf of all Flight Attendants at the new American Airlines, I would greatly appreciate your consideration of reallocating the route.

Respectfully,



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APFA National President