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DOLE/KASSEBAUM GO TO BAT FOR WICHITA AIR SERVICE

WASHINGTON - Kansas Senators Bob Dole and Nancy Kassebaum sent the following letter to Secretary of Transportation Sam Skinner regarding granting America West Airlines the authority to operate four additional slots at Washington National Airport:

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

June 28, 1990

The Honorable Samuel Knox Skinner
Secretary of Transportation
Department of Transportation
400 Seventh Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Skinner:

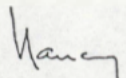
We are writing in support of the petition of America West Airlines, Inc. for extension of its exemption authority to operate four slots at the Washington National Airport.

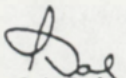
As you know, America West has been using two of its slots at Washington National to provide service between Washington and Wichita, Kansas. This is the only nonstop service that exists between Washington and Wichita, and it has proven to be an extremely valuable service for Kansans. It is critically important that America West retain these slots in order to continue to provide this service.

We had been hopeful that a long-term solution to the problems facing new entrants at high-density airports could have been reached by now. We understand that the Department is still reviewing alternative proposals with respect to high-density airports, thus necessitating America West's request for an extension of its existing exemption.

We look forward to working with you to develop a long-term solution to the slot-allocation problem at high-density airports. This extension is necessary on an interim basis to permit America West to continue its service to Kansas. In the interim, we urge that America West's exemption be extended until January 15, 1991, in order that their service to Kansas may be allowed to continue.

Warmest regards,


Nancy Landon Kassebaum
United States Senator


Bob Dole
United States Senator