

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

January 21, 2015

The Honorable Anthony Foxx  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

We are writing to respectfully request that the Department of Transportation allow Seattle to retain its only direct flight to Haneda Airport in Tokyo, Japan.

We are deeply concerned that the Department may decide to reallocate Seattle's service to Haneda to another U.S. city. We strongly oppose eliminating Washington state's only direct flight with service to Haneda, and we believe it is in the public interest to keep the Seattle-Haneda service intact.

Seattle is home to eight Fortune 500 companies from a wide range of industries, including aerospace, technology, retail, and e-commerce, as well as a number of travel-related businesses. In addition, Seattle is home to the eighth busiest U.S. seaport, largely driven by trade with Asia. The Seattle-Haneda flight is critical to these industries and to local tourism.

In 2013, the Department rightly determined that the best use of this slot was for service to and from Seattle because it would provide the first nonstop Haneda service on a significant mainland U.S.-Tokyo route that currently lacked service. Service from Seattle also provides a number of western cities with their first one-stop connecting opportunity to Haneda. Additionally, other cities or states that the Department may be considering already have multiple direct flights to Haneda.

We believe that Seattle continues to be the best use of this valuable slot, and we hope the Department will allow Washington to retain its only direct service to Haneda.

Sincerely,



---

Patty Murray  
United States Senator



---

Maria Cantwell  
United States Senator



Rick Larsen  
Member of Congress



Jim McDermott  
Member of Congress



Adam Smith  
Member of Congress



Cathy McMorris Rodgers  
Member of Congress



Dave Reichert  
Member of Congress



Jaime Herrera Beutler  
Member of Congress



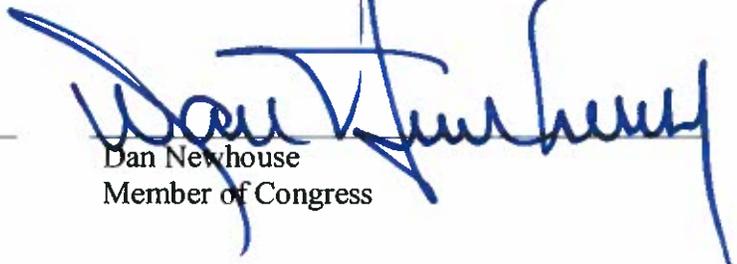
Suzan DelBene  
Member of Congress



Denny Heck  
Member of Congress



Derek Kilmer  
Member of Congress



Dan Newhouse  
Member of Congress