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Doug Parker
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Dear Mr. Parker:

I am writing to express my grave disappointment in attempts by US Airways to relocate the National Aviation Hall of Fame (NAHF) Enshrinement Ceremony from Dayton, Ohio to Charlotte, North Carolina.

The Dayton community has been a dedicated partner in the expansion and success of PSA Airlines, Inc., one of US Airways' express carriers. Headquartered at the Dayton International Airport with a workforce of 422 employees, PSA has remained an integral US Airways affiliate for over thirty years. The City of Dayton and its development partners have contributed more than \$2 million toward PSA projects at the Airport, including construction of a new aircraft maintenance hangar, development of the PSA training facility, and assistance with renovations for the corporate headquarters building. Most recently, the State of Ohio, Montgomery County, and the City of Dayton have approved grant assistance to PSA totaling an additional \$1.2 million to assist with the expansion and renovation of the training center.

Despite this substantial financial investment and support, US Airways is nevertheless taking strides to deprive the Dayton community of the fiftieth NAHF Enshrinement Ceremony with generous contributions to move the ceremony to Charlotte.

It is deeply disturbing to me that US Airways would openly defy the commitment of so many dedicated individuals in the Dayton community. As the home of the NAHF, Dayton has provided so much to both the celebration of aviation and US Airways, while the latter is now taking great strides to relocate this hallmark event from the region. I am also troubled by the fact that you fail to grasp the great magnitude of this event and would not speak to me in advance of the NAHF's decision on the matter.

It is my hope that you will recognize the importance of the NAHF Enshrinement Ceremony and prohibit your contributions to these outside groups from being used to divest the Dayton region and the aviation community of this significant, hallmark event.

Sincerely,


Michael R. Turner
Member of Congress