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OFFICE OF THE INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

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The Honorable Peter Buttigieg
Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: Docket DOT-OST-2022-0050

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

On behalf of the 600,000-member International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAM), the largest airline and transportation union in North America, I respectfully urge strong consideration and approval of United Airlines Inc., application for international flights from Dulles International Airport (IAD) to Cape Town, South Africa.

United's proposal for consistent and reliable flights between the two destinations will greatly benefit the Washington, DC metro region and beyond.

United Airlines proposes to connect the legislative capitals of each country with three weekly flights, providing important government, business, and cultural travel ties that no other proposal by competing airlines can match.

In addition, this proposed United Airlines route will be serviced by hard-working men and women who are represented by the IAM. This new flight route would benefit the local economy and provide the strong union jobs that the Biden administration has promised to protect.

Sincerely,

Robert Martinez Jr.
International President