

From: Michels, Tom
Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2023 12:46 PM
To: Matthews, Maria; Cooper, Michael
CC: Mould, David
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] FW: Richmond International Airport: Perimeter Rule

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Awesome - thanks so much!

Tom Michels
United Airlines
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From: Matthews, Maria <Maria.Matthews@MWAA.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2023 12:34:31 PM
To: Michels, Tom [REDACTED] Cooper, Michael <Michael.Cooper@MWAA.com>
Cc: Mould, David <David.Mould@MWAA.com>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] FW: Richmond International Airport: Perimeter Rule

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Michael and Tom,

Passing this along as an FYI. Wasn't sure if either of you received copies of the Richmond letter from Perry Miller.

Maria

From: Richard Leidl [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2023 12:05 PM
To: Matthews, Maria <Maria.Matthews@MWAA.com>
Subject: Richmond International Airport: Perimeter Rule

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Maria: Good afternoon. Just an FYI that Perry Miller sent the attached letters in support of MWAA's position on the Perimeter Rule. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.

Best wishes.

Rich

Richard J. Leidl, P.C.
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From: Matthews, Maria
Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2023 12:57 PM
To: Broder, Adam;Mould, David
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: Video footage at DCA
Attachments: Houston Airport System - Letter of Support 5.17.23.pdf

Wonderful news Adam!

I was actually sending you a note to let you know I chatted with Sarah Soulier Aragon of Monument Group in TX. The Houston Airport System connected me with her when they reached out to MWAA for some talking points ahead of a meeting with Sen. Cruz's staff.

If you don't have it on file already, Houston sent the attached letter of support for the slot/perimeter rule. They would certainly be a good target airport system for the coalition.

Good Luck tomorrow,

Maria

-----Original Message-----

From: Broder, Adam [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2023 12:52 PM
To: Matthews, Maria <Maria.Matthews@MWAA.com>; Mould, David <David.Mould@MWAA.com>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] RE: Video footage at DCA

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Thanks for the connection, Maria. FYI we had a great call with Rob, he greenlighted the project, and we're submitting the paperwork today. We should have a team there tomorrow.

Thanks so much!

> On May 23, 2023, at 9:01 PM, Matthews, Maria <Maria.Matthews@mwaa.com> wrote:

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> Hi Adam,
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> Rob Yingling, copied here, is the best person to chat with regarding your filming needs.

> Have a great night!

> Maria

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Broder, Adam [REDACTED]
> Sent: Tuesday, May 23, 2023 7:13 PM
> To: Matthews, Maria <Maria.Matthews@MWAA.com>
> Subject: Video footage at DCA

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> Hi - I'm hoping you can put me in touch ASAP with someone from communications or operations.

> Our team was discussing whether we can send a video team to get footage and/or interview passengers at DCA this weekend regarding congestion and delays.

> Can you point me in the right direction to discuss with someone?

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> Thanks.

> Adam

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May 17, 2023

The Honorable Maria Cantwell, Chair
The Honorable Ted Cruz, Ranking Member
U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation

The Honorable Sam Graves, Chair
The Honorable Rick Larsen, Ranking Member
U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

Dear Chairs Cantwell and Graves; and Ranking Members Cruz and Larsen:

On behalf of the Houston Airport System, I am writing to express our strong opposition to any attempts at changing the current High Density (slot) and perimeter rules at Reagan National (DCA) Airport.

The perimeter rule was put in place to ensure that communities across the U.S., including Houston, would have access to our nation's capital, utilizing two distinct hubs - DCA, for short-haul and regional flights, and Dulles International Airport (IAD) for long-haul and international flights. Any changes to these rules would incentivize airlines to substitute the profitable long-haul service in place of the current short-haul service that is a critical part of Houston's local economy, economic development goals, and tourism. Changes to the perimeter rule would jeopardize the more than 100 flights operating between Houston and DCA each week, along with the many small communities across the state we serve through connections.

The Houston Airport System (HAS) oversees George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH) and William P. Hobby Airport (HOU), with both currently offering direct, nonstop service to DCA. Those services may be reduced as a result of any perimeter changes. These airports generate significant investments in Houston's economy as well as those of surrounding communities, collectively contributing over \$36.4 billion to the local economy, and directly generating over 190,000 jobs across Houston. With HAS in the midst of a \$1.4 billion, five-year capital improvement program (CIP) to improve terminals and airfields across our airports, operational changes, such as the loss of a major destination, would be felt more strongly than ever.


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Controller: Chris Brown

The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA), which operates both DCA and IAD, is firmly against changing the slot and perimeter rules. We strongly agree. Any attempts to change the perimeter rule jeopardizes the greater Houston region, and consequently, hundreds of other small- and mid-size Texas communities' connections to DCA, and the jobs and investment created by HAS. Cutbacks in this air service would impact our ability to service the almost 60 million passengers who fly through IAH and HOU each year, as well as the operational support EFD provides to NASA and the U.S. military.

On behalf of the Houston Airport System, we urge you to strongly oppose any changes to the DCA perimeter rule as it would adversely impact the Houston region and other small- and mid-size communities in Texas.

Sincerely,



Mario C. Diaz
Director of Aviation

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