

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 18, 2002

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with provisions of Public Law 107-42, the Air Transportation Safety and System Stabilization Act, 2001, I hereby request the subsidy budget authority necessary to support a \$168 million Federal credit instrument for American Trans Air, Inc.

I hereby designate this subsidy budget authority, currently estimated at \$16.2 million, as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 252(e) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

The details of this request are set forth in the enclosed letter from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget. I concur with his comments and observations.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Enclosure



THE DIRECTOR

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

November 15, 2002

The President

The White House

Submitted for your consideration is a request to make available contingent emergency funds for the Department of the Treasury's Air Transportation Stabilization Program account.

Title I of P.L. 107-42, the Air Transportation Safety and System Stabilization Act, 2001, authorized the Government to issue up to \$10 billion in Federal credit instruments and provided the subsidy budget authority necessary for air carriers to promote a viable commercial air system in light of the September 11th terrorist attacks. Congress designated the amount of new budget authority and outlays in all fiscal years resulting from this title as an emergency requirement.

I recommend that you designate this request for such sums of subsidy budget authority as may be necessary for a loan guarantee to American Trans Air, Inc., currently estimated at \$16.2 million, as an emergency requirement in accordance with section 252(e) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended. This action is necessary to account for the proposed extension of Federal guarantees as a consequence of the Air Transportation Stabilization Board's conditional approval of American Trans Air, Inc.'s application on September 26, 2002, and American Trans Air, Inc.'s subsequent acquisition of loan financing supported by that Federal guarantee. No further congressional action will be required.

I have carefully reviewed this proposal and am satisfied that it is necessary at this time. Therefore, I recommend that you transmit the request to the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

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Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.

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**AMOUNTS MADE AVAILABLE BY THE PRESIDENT PURSUANT TO TITLE 1 OF
P.L. 107-42, THE AIR TRANSPORTATION SAFETY AND SYSTEM STABILIZATION
ACT, 2001**

Department of the Treasury

Departmental Offices

Air Transportation Stabilization Program Account:

such sums as may be necessary, currently estimated at \$16,212,000

Title I of P.L. 107-42, the Air Transportation Safety and System Stabilization Act, 2001, authorized \$10 billion in Federal credit instruments and the necessary subsidy budget authority and associated outlays. The current estimate of the required subsidy to support the \$168 million loan backed by a \$148.5 million Federal guarantee to American Trans Air, Inc. is \$16.2 million and has been designated by the President as an emergency requirement.