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Congress of the United States
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The Honorable Mary E. Peters
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

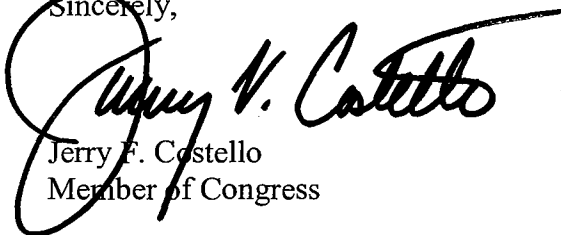
Dear Secretary Peters:

I am writing to request that as you continue your meetings to reduce aviation congestion and delays, you consider giving labor a voice in those discussions. No one is better suited to discuss ways of improving congestion and delays and the practical implications of altering policies and procedures, then our air traffic controllers and our nation's pilots.

It is disconcerting to me that this Administration continues to shut out ALL interested stakeholders, in particular labor, when making important operational and safety critical decisions. I firmly believe a more fulsome discussion and better policy can be achieved when everyone works together to correct the problem.

Again, I strongly urge you to include labor in your discussions on ways of improving congestion and delays and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Jerry F. Costello
Member of Congress

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