



**U.S. Department  
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Office of the Secretary  
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1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

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The Honorable John B. Franklin  
Mayor of the City of Vista  
200 Civic Center Drive  
Vista, CA 92084-6275

Dear Mayor Franklin:

Thank you for your letter regarding the U.S. Department of Transportation's (the Department) Slot Exemption Proceeding for Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA).

As you know, the Federal Aviation Administration Reauthorization Act of 2024 directs the Department to allocate 10 new slot exemptions at DCA. The Department is doing so via a competitive selection proceeding that was initiated in Docket DOT-OST-2024-0065. The docket contains the Department's Notice initiating this proceeding and all publicly available documents filed in the docket. As this proceeding is currently ongoing, I cannot comment on the merits of points raised in your letter. However, please be assured that all properly filed applications and comments will receive thorough consideration.

Per our normal practice, I will be placing a copy of your letter and this response in docket DOT-OST-2024-0065. You may track the progress of this proceeding by accessing the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> and placing DOT-OST-2024-0065 in the search box.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carol A. (Annie) Petsonk".

Carol A. (Annie) Petsonk  
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