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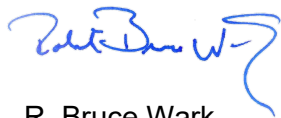
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American Airlines recognizes that system constraints continue to exist at John F. Kennedy International (JFK), LaGuardia (LGA) and Newark Liberty International (EWR) Airports (the “NY/NJ Airports”), as those airports return to normal operations following the COVID -19 pandemic. These constraints also impact operations at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA) for flights arriving from and departing to the NY/NJ Airports. We further recognize that many of the constraints are attributable to workforce challenges for both aviation stakeholders using the NY/NJ Airports and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).¹ To protect the passenger experience and mitigate disruptions at these airports during the peak summer season (May 15, 2023 through September 15, 2023), it is imperative that aviation stakeholders work collaboratively with the FAA to take proactive measures.

To that end, we understand that the FAA is willing to consider a conditional slot waiver and other tools to improve operations during the peak summer season. While American Airlines is still evaluating if we intend to seek a slot waiver, we recognize this step along with other actions taken by the industry will improve airspace conditions and the customer experience in the broader New York region, which has nationwide benefits.

We appreciate the FAA and DOT’s leadership in improving our national airspace and American Airlines remains committed to implementing a durable, long-term solution to the constraints at the NY/NJ airports as well as other constrained airports around the country.

Very truly yours,



R. Bruce Wark
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¹ American Airlines currently planned operation for the summer peak season is sized for the resources we have to minimize impacts to customers.