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Hon. John Cornyn
517 Hart Senate Office
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Cornyn:

On behalf of the Border Trade Alliance (BTA), I write to express our concern regarding the U.S. Department of Transportation's recent decision to suspend select Mexican air carrier routes, including service between Mexico City's Felipe Ángeles International Airport and McAllen International Airport.

While we recognize the Department's intent to address competition and compliance matters, the suspension of these routes has immediate and far-reaching economic implications for U.S.-Mexico border communities. More than a matter of convenience, air connectivity between Texas and Mexico is a core element of our binational economy. Each flight supports small business activity, cross-border investment, and the tourism and retail sectors that sustain local jobs.

McAllen's nonstop route to Mexico City alone supports millions of dollars in annual visitor spending and dozens of jobs in hospitality, retail, and transportation. Similar impacts are being felt in other Texas markets, where air service with Mexico facilitates business travel, strengthens supply-chain coordination, and deepens person-to-person ties between our nations.

The BTA encourages your leadership in working with the Department of Transportation and the Mexican government to restore or replace the affected routes as quickly as possible. A negotiated resolution that preserves fair competition while maintaining vital economic connectivity would serve the interests of both nations.

For nearly 40 years, the Border Trade Alliance has advocated for policies that strengthen trade, tourism, and infrastructure along the U.S.-Mexico border. We stand ready to work with you and your staff to ensure that our region remains connected, competitive, and resilient.

Sincerely,

Pete Sepulveda, Jr.
Chairman

Britton Mullen
President