



## COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO

Board of Supervisors

**RICH DESMOND**

Chair Of The Board

Supervisor, Third District

September 7, 2023

The Honorable Maria Cantwell, Chairwoman  
Commerce, Science, & Transportation  
Committee  
United States Senate  
511 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Ted Cruz,  
Ranking Member  
Commerce, Science, & Transportation  
Committee  
United States Senate  
167 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

### **Re: Support for Enabling More Access to Washington's Reagan National Airport**

Dear Chairwoman Cantwell and Ranking Member Cruz:

I write to you as the Chair of the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors on behalf of the Board and the residents of Sacramento County to urge you to support the Direct Capital Access Act (Act), which would increase the number of beyond-perimeter flights at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA) in the 2023 FAA Reauthorization bill.

As you may know, Sacramento County is home to more than 1.5 million residents and is one of the fastest growing and most diverse regions in California. It is also the third largest unserved passenger market in the United States without non-stop service to DCA. Our county is also a hub of innovation, education, agriculture, and civic engagement. However, connectivity from our state's capital to our nation's capital is severely limited by the outdated and restrictive slot allocation system at DCA.

The Act has bipartisan support in both chambers of Congress as well as the endorsement of the following airlines: Southwest Airlines, Delta Air Lines, JetBlue Airways, Alaska Airlines, Frontier Airlines, Spirit Airlines and Sun Country Airlines. It is a balanced

proposal that would enhance the efficiency and accessibility of our nation's air transportation system and it would give Sacramento the opportunity to secure non-stop service to DCA.

I respectfully ask you to vote in favor of the Act when it comes up for consideration in the Senate. Please let me know your position on this important issue and what actions you intend to take to support it.

Please contact Elisia De Bord, Governmental Relations and Legislative Officer, at [deborde@saccounty.gov](mailto:deborde@saccounty.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Rich Desmond', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Supervisor Rich Desmond