

July 5, 2007

The Honorable Mary E. Peters
United States Secretary of Transportation
400 Seventh Street, Southwest
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Madam Secretary:

On behalf of the more than 7,200 business members of the Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce – the 6th largest Chamber in the Southeast – I join Governor Sonny Perdue in supporting Delta Air Lines' bid for a direct flight between Atlanta, Georgia and Shanghai, China.

As you know, the Southeast is our nation's fastest growing region, both economically and in population. Delta's direct air service will connect us with Shanghai – the heart of China's commerce.

Attracting and growing international businesses and headquarters in Gwinnett is a top priority for the Gwinnett Chamber and our Partnership Gwinnett Community and Economic Development Strategy. Direct air routes are essential to building global commerce, and China is one of the most significant export markets for Gwinnett, metro Atlanta and the Southeast. As Georgia's most diverse county and the home to the largest Asian and Chinese population in the state, this direct route is a perfect fit for Gwinnett and our region.

I strongly urge the Department of Transportation to award the route to Delta.

Sincerely,



President & CEO
Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce