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Mr. Doug Parker
Chairman and CEO
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Dear Mr. Parker,

I enclose an article regarding one of your recent customers, also one my constituents from American Samoa, Sabrina Suluai-Mahuka, the American Samoa Teacher of the Year, in regard to events on her recent travel on American Airlines and the alleged discriminatory treatment by American Airlines staff. The basic facts as reported are disturbing to say the least, but the swift eyewitness recognition of such obtuse treatment by her fellow teachers is most commendable.

I would appreciate a status update and copy of any investigative report be provided to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure immediately. As Congress is currently laser focused on a renewed transportation authorization and funding bill, rapid production of any reports that could aid in securing any potential legislative corrections would be most helpful to the Committee Chairman and Ranking Member copied herein.

As Chairman of Airlines for America (A4A) the primary airline industry trade association, a heavily government subsidized industry, Airlines for America and a Member of the Board of the International Air Transport Association and OneWorld, your handling of this matter will demonstrate where leadership on civil rights issues stands in your industry.

Thank you for your timely attention to this most urgent matter. Please contact me by cell at 202-603-8748 or direct email amata.c.radewagen@gmail.com or my staff counsel Richard Stanton at 202-394-8103 (c), Richard.stanton@mail.house.gov to provide a status update ASAP.

Most Sincerely,

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Member of Congress

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Chairman Peter DeFazio, House Transportation Committee

Ranking Member, Sam Graves, House Transportation Committee

Mr. Nick Calio, CEO, Airlines for America