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Dear Mr. Iscil:

Thank you for the letter to Secretary of Transportation Sean Duffy dated April 24, 2026, which you submitted on behalf of the Consumer Federation of America, the National Consumers League, and the Revolving Door Project regarding government financial assistance to Spirit Airlines. The Secretary asked me to respond on his behalf.

The letter expressed concern regarding a potential bailout for Spirit. The Department of Transportation has not provided a Federal bailout for Spirit but has taken concrete steps to help Spirit customers and workers when Spirit officially ceased operations.

In response to Spirit Airlines officially ceasing operations, the Department immediately took decisive action to protect the carrier's customers and workforce. The Department engaged its airline partners to ensure passengers were not stranded, communities maintained route access, fares did not skyrocket, and Spirit's workforce was able to connect to new job opportunities. To ensure travelers remain informed and protected, the Department issued a proactive consumer advisory notice outlining exactly how impacted passengers can seek recourse and refunds. The Department has carefully monitored the process by which Spirit hopes to transfer operating slots at LaGuardia Airport to another airline to ensure that the process increases competition and consumer benefits. A complete overview of our ongoing relief efforts can be found on the Department's official briefing room website at <https://www.transportation.gov/newsroom>.

We appreciate your advocacy on behalf of American consumers and workers, and we hope this information provides clarity on the steps taken by the Department to handle this situation.

Sincerely,

Gregory Zerzan
General Counsel