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September 30, 2014

Mr. Michael P. Huerta
Administrator
Federal Aviation Administration
800 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20591

Dear Administrator Huerta,

As someone who was born and raised in the Inland Empire, I know you are well aware of the ongoing struggles of Ontario Airport and the desire of the Inland Empire region to restore local control of the airport.

While Inland Empire officials continue to pursue legal and other options to regain control of Ontario Airport from Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA), my constituents and I strongly believe that LAWA is not acting with the Inland Empire's best interests in mind. That sentiment was only heightened this week amidst the revelation that LAWA Chief Operating Officer Steve Martin referred to our region as the "inbred Inland Empire"[1] while acting in an official capacity. As I am sure you would agree as a native Inland Empire resident, those comments are highly offensive and completely unprofessional.

Having robust airline travel options at Ontario Airport is vital to the economy in the Inland Empire. The comments made by Mr. Martin are most troubling because they are yet another example of statements and actions confirming the widely held belief that LAWA is willfully stifling the ability of Ontario Airport to increase its passenger volumes and airline service. The comments are most hurtful for the many Inland Empire workers who have suffered economic harm due LAWA's poor management of Ontario Airport.

I continue to appeal to you as our FAA Administrator to exert any influence you have to prevent LAWA from deliberately reducing airline service and inflicting more economic harm on the Inland Empire.

Thank you for your service and proudly representing the Inland Empire.

Sincerely,

Ken Calvert

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Member of Congress

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[1] Weikel, Dan. "Inland Empire seeks to regain control of Ontario airport from L.A." *The Los Angeles Times*. 29 Sept. 2014