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The Honorable J.D. Vance
United States Senate
B40C Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington DC 20510

Re: Perimeter rule change negative impact on Dayton

Dear Senator Vance,

The Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce is the largest business organization in the Dayton area, representing over 2,200 businesses that employ 200,000 employees in the 14 county region.

I am writing you today to express the concern of the Dayton area business community for eliminating the perimeter rule for Ronald Reagan National Airport in the current FAA Reauthorization bill. Eliminating the perimeter rule would have a disruptive economic impact on regional airports, like Dayton, that are currently within the perimeter. For that reason, we support the rules as currently written and we oppose any changes or elimination of the perimeter rule.

Dayton International Airport serves as a key economic driver for our community and directly supports business retention and attraction in the greater Dayton region. The strong federal presence in Dayton, especially related to the state of Ohio's largest single site employer, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, has positioned DAY-DCA as one of our most demanded flights for our regional business community. Maintaining this efficient direct service from DAY-DCA is not only essential for Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, but also for our private sector business community.

The perimeter rule was put in place to ensure close proximity regional airport access to Washington, D.C., while also supporting the long-term viability of Dulles International Airport for longer haul, higher capacity flights. Any change to the perimeter rule would have a negative impact on this strategy and significantly impact regional airport access from airports like Dayton.

The Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce respectfully requests that you oppose any changes to the slot or perimeter rules at DCA, as any changes would have a negative impact on Dayton International Airport and our business community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Chris Kershner
President & CEO