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Mr. Robert E. Germann

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Dear Robert:

Throughout my career in Congress, I've fought against efforts that undermine fair competition for American businesses and workers. One particular concern is the case of Norwegian Air International (NAI).

Norwegian Air International's efforts to provide service between the U.S. and Europe have raised significant regulatory concerns. Specifically, the airline's incorporation in Ireland appears to be designed to undermine certain labor standards contrary to the Open Skies Agreement, which would put U.S. based airlines at an unfair competitive disadvantage. Recently the Department of Transportation (DOT) approved a tentative foreign air carrier permit for NAI.

In response, H.R. 2150, the Flags of Convenience Don't Fly Here Act, was introduced, which would require the Secretary of Transportation to restrict the approval of foreign carrier permits granted under the United States-European Union Air Transport Agreement of April 2007, if they undermine labor standards. This could restrict NAI, as it currently operates, from obtaining a foreign air carrier permit. I am a proud cosponsor of this bipartisan legislation, along with over 100 of my colleagues.

As a member of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and a chairman of the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, I have led efforts to protect American workers and businesses. One such example is my [outspoken support](#) for the Jones Act, which requires that ocean shipments between points in the United States be carried on vessels built, owned and operated by Americans.

As these issues continue to be discussed, I invite you to share your thoughts on this, or any other issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Duncan Hunter".

Duncan Hunter
Member of Congress

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