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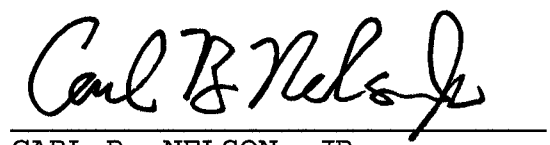
American Airlines, Inc. hereby requests that the comment period in the captioned Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on incidents involving animals during air transport, 67 Fed. Reg. 61237, September 27, 2002, be extended for a period of 90 days, or from October 28, 2002 to January 27, 2003.

The 30-day comment period provided by the NPRM is insufficient to allow American and other interested parties the opportunity to submit an informed response, including the preparation of a cost-benefit analysis and a thorough review of current policies and procedures that would be impacted by the proposal.

The underlying statutory provision, Section 710 of AIR-21, Pub. Law 106-181, was enacted on April 23, 2000. Accordingly, the FAA has had more than two years write the proposed rule. In these circumstances, the 90-day extension of the comment period we are requesting is reasonable, will not unduly delay the adoption of a final rule, and should be granted in the interest of a complete development of the rulemaking record.

Respectfully submitted,



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