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Dear Mr Flynn,

SUBJECT: THE HATCH AMENDMENT

Thank you for the **opportunity** of attending the Public Hearing on the Hatch Amendment in Washington on the 24th February, 1999.

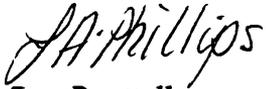
Despite the overwhelming views against the Notice of Proposed Rule Making, as a scheduled foreign air carrier with multiple daily operations in to the United States, there are two questions I would like to put to you as follows:-

- 1) *If this proposal is designed to protect U.S citizens on non US registered carriers, why is it that the NPRM only applies to U.S routes operated by foreign carriers? In other words, what about the remainder of a foreign carriers network on which U.S citizens could fly? A good example of this would be U.S citizens originating their journey in New York for a flight to London with Virgin Atlantic Airways and transfem'ng to an Emirates flight to Dubai?*
- 2) *If ICAO annex 17 is commonly regarded and accepted as the security bible providing base line security measures, why does the U.S Government unilaterally decide to expand upon annex 17 without reference or consultation with the industry? What is to stop other nations doing likewise and thereby negate the overall aim of annex 17 which provides a co-ordinated, unified aviation security standard?*

Many of the other concerns we have were expressed at the Public Hearing last week which I have no doubt will be addressed when the closing date for submissions is reached.

*I lookforward to **hearing from** you in due course.*

Yours sincerely,



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