

As former Chairman of the Airline Operational Control Society I would like to register my concern in launching America's most highly paid (and potentially litigious) executives and other various high rollers into a large scale business jet operation without the expertise and additional surveillance offered by licensed dispatchers. Indeed, the most successful bizjet operation to date, Executive Jet, managed by one of the foremost financiers in the world, saw the economic and safety benefits of having the operation run by aircraft dispatchers. While the new business jet stakeholders are quit to point out the costs of a dispatch operation, one only has to reflect upon the various fatal accidents over the years (indeed, a few days ago), to see the tremendous impact of having joint decision-making on the ground with licensed dispatchers. World Airways, Avianca come to mind. I urge you to reconsider your decision to allow several hundred aircraft to launch into the sky without the additional safety and efficiency provided by licensed dispatchers on the ground.

Thank you for considering my opinion.

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