

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

December 12, 2013

The Honorable Michael Huerta  
Office of the Administrator  
Federal Aviation Administration  
800 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20591

Dear Administrator Huerta,

As the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) considers a proposed rule that would allow the use of the voice function on cell phones on domestic flights, we are writing to strongly urge that you maintain the ban on cell phone calls in flight. We share the concerns of the flying public and the many professionals in the aviation industry that such a change to the current rules disallowing the use of cell phone voice networks could result in not only a markedly less pleasant flying experience, but a less safe one as well.

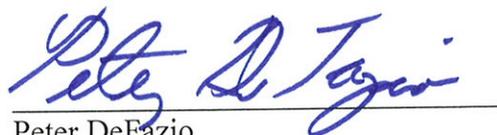
Allowing passengers to make phone calls while in flight would disrupt the right of other passengers to enjoy the quiet comfort of their flight. In addition, we have strong concerns about the effect such a change may have on safety. As the Association of Flight Attendants explained in a statement on November 21, 2013, "Any situation that is loud, divisive, and possibly disruptive is not only unwelcome but also unsafe." Simply put, the flying experience in the United States would forever be changed for the worse if voice calls are allowed on flights.

We hope that you will consider our concerns and those of the industry's experienced professionals as you consider how to proceed in light of whatever decision the FCC may make and appreciate your consideration of this request.

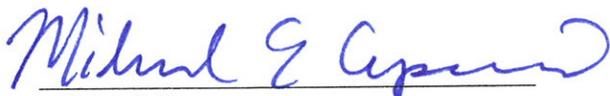
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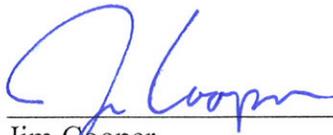
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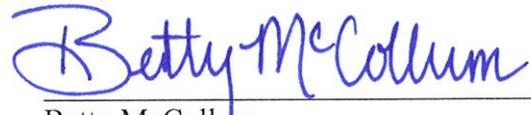
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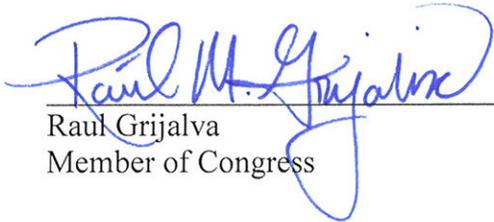
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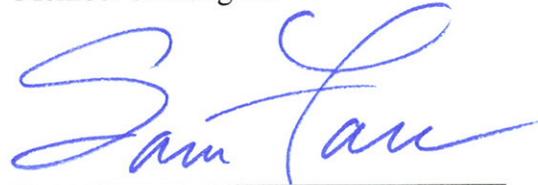
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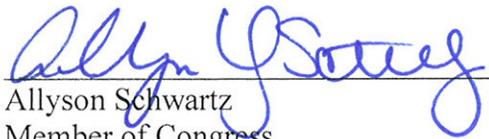
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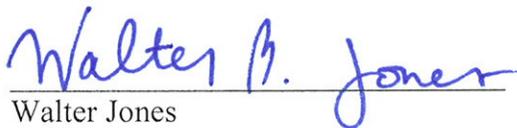
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