

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

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Richard H. Anderson
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Delta Air Lines, Inc.
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Dear Mr. Anderson:

After hearing word that Delta Airlines is considering altering its air service in Michigan's First Congressional District, I wanted to strongly encourage you to look at the numerous economic opportunities that can be found in Northern Michigan. I am always reluctant to in any way interfere in a private enterprise's business actions, but I wanted to write to you because I have been personally overwhelmed by the importance local business owners have placed on air service in our area.

I have spent the last year travelling across the region—visiting all 31 counties in the First District—and there is not a business owner who does not feel strongly that regular air service to the region is important to his or her business.

Air service in geographically remote areas like Northern Michigan provides in an important lifeline to the ever growing global economy. I would welcome the opportunity to organize a meeting with leaders of your company and key business leaders in Northern Michigan to further discuss the vital service Delta and other airlines provide.

While I understand altering air service in our region was no easy decision for your company, I thought it important to articulate the positive role Delta plays for both the businesses and citizens of Northern Michigan. My fear is that the loss of regular service to our region would have adverse effects on business and recreational travel, thus further hurting our already struggling economy.

Again, please consider the economic prospects Northern Michigan has to offer and please feel free to contact my office at anytime to discuss this matter. I look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,



Dan Benishek M. D.
Member of Congress
Michigan's First District