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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
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Washington, DC 20554

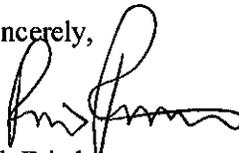
**Re: Expanding Access to Broadband and Encouraging Innovation through Establishing an Air-Ground Mobile Broadband Secondary Service for Passengers Aboard Aircraft in the 14.0-14.5 GHz Band – GN Docket No. 13-66; RM-11640**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

American Airlines is interested in the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”) moving forward to enable the Air-Ground Mobile Broadband Service operating on a secondary basis at 14.0 to 14.5 GHz.<sup>1</sup> American Airlines supports the FCC’s proposal, which is based upon the Petition for Rulemaking that Qualcomm filed in July 2011, to establish a new in-flight communications service because it will help satisfy air travelers’ increasing need for mobile broadband connectivity while on-board commercial aircraft.

We believe that U.S. air travelers want to have in-flight broadband access that is equal to the level of access they have on the ground because broadband access via smartphones, tablets, e-readers, and laptops, is a critical part of their daily lives. Mobile broadband usage is increasing and consumers are embracing it at continually increasing rates using the advanced capabilities and applications supported by today’s mobile devices. As a result, U.S. air travelers expect anywhere/anytime broadband access, including when they are flying on an airplane above the continental U.S.

For these reasons, American supports the FCC in establishing the new Air-Ground Mobile Broadband Service at 14.0 to 14.5 GHz in accordance with the proposals set forth in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

Sincerely,  
  
Rob Friedman  
Vice President Marketing

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<sup>1</sup> American Airlines is one of the largest airlines in the world. Along with our American Eagle and American Connection affiliates, American serves approximately 260 destinations worldwide and more than 150 in the United States alone. American Airlines has major connecting hubs at Dallas/Fort Worth, Chicago O’Hare, Los Angeles, Miami, and New York airports.

