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Hi Hannah:

Pleasure meeting you and Secretary Duffy yesterday! Per the brief exchange between Congresswoman King-Hinds and the Secretary, I've attached the letter sent 2/5/2025 and the response we received on 2/26/2025. As outlined in her correspondence, the suspension of Annex VI has had a disproportionately negative impact on the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), which are highly dependent on international air service to support economic activity, tourism, and connectivity. While we wait for further action from the DOT, the economic conditions in the CNMI continue to worsen. I've included a short write-up outlining the context and urgency of the situation on the ground.

Given the direct and urgent impact this matter has on the CNMI economy and its people, the Congresswoman respectfully requests that the DOT exercise full compliance with Annex VI and lift the ongoing restrictions on flights between China and the CNMI.

We welcome any opportunity to provide additional information or coordinate a discussion between the Congresswoman and relevant DOT officials to further convey the importance of this issue. Thank you again for your time and consideration. We look forward to your response.

Best,

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