



January 13, 2025

The Honorable Ted Cruz, Chair  
The Honorable Maria Cantwell, Ranking Member  
Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Cruz and Ranking Member Cantwell:

On behalf of the Travel Technology Association (Travel Tech), I am pleased to express our support for the confirmation of former Congressman Sean Duffy as Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation. His record of public service and work to foster economic growth and modernize regulatory frameworks reflect a commitment to principles vital to a thriving and innovative transportation ecosystem.

Travel Tech is the voice of the travel technology industry, advocating for public policy that promotes innovation, transparency, and competition in the travel marketplace and empowers traveler choice. We represent the leading innovators in travel technology, including Online Travel Agencies (“OTAs”) and metasearch engines, short-term rental platforms, travel management companies (“TMCs”), and Global Distribution Systems (“GDSs”). Travel Tech’s members connect millions of travelers to air transportation through cutting-edge platforms and services that depend on a fair and adaptable regulatory environment.

Mr. Duffy’s experience navigating complex policy challenges, exemplified during his service in Congress, gives us confidence that he will prioritize these shared goals. His leadership on regulatory reform demonstrates a clear understanding of the importance of balancing innovation with accountability, creating an environment where businesses can thrive and consumers are protected. As the travel technology sector and the broader technology industry tackle issues such as data privacy, AI integration, and support for competition, we look forward to collaborating with the Department to drive meaningful progress.

We are confident that Mr. Duffy’s leadership will bring a thoughtful and balanced approach to these challenges and opportunities. Travel Tech looks forward to working with the Department to advance policies that sustain competition and improve the travel experience for millions of consumers.

Sincerely,

Laura Chadwick  
President & CEO

cc: Members of the Senate Commerce Committee