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Statement attributable to Mike McCartney, President and CEO Hawai'i Tourism Authority

Regarding United Airlines' Announcement for Honolulu to Washington D.C.

United Airlines' announcement today that it will begin non-stop service from Honolulu to our nation's capital, Washington D.C.'s Dulles International Airport, is outstanding news for Hawai'i's visitor industry. The new daily route will begin in June 2012 providing an estimated \$135 million in visitor spending and \$14 million in tax revenue to Hawai'i's economy annually.

Coupled with the recent establishment of Hawaiian Airlines' new flight connecting Honolulu and New York City, the routes will help to provide much needed access from the Hawaiian Islands to the East Coast. Air access to Hawai'i is essential for a successful visitor industry and the HTA continues to work with our airline partners to ensure there is sufficient airlift to support demand for travel to the Hawaiian Islands.

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