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Mr. D. Scott Davis  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer  
United Parcel Service  
55 Glenlake Parkway, NE  
Atlanta, Georgia 30328

Dear Mr. Davis:

I am writing in regards to the recent decision by the United Parcel Service (UPS) to furlough over 300 pilots during the next two years. It is my understanding that of those 300 pilots, 262 of them are domiciled in Alaska, 82 of which are current Alaskan residents.

I also understand that UPS intends to replace these furloughed pilots from Alaska with more senior pilots that live in the lower 48. I cannot, in good conscience, support the outsourcing of jobs from Alaska. I am concerned that this action reflects a lack of commitment to the State of Alaska. UPS has previously committed to making Anchorage a hub for its' Asia/Europe cargo transportation operations. Based on the furloughing of primarily Anchorage based and domiciled pilots, is UPS planning to continue using Anchorage as its hub for Asia/Europe cargo operations?

UPS is a valued addition to the Alaskan community and economy. The removal of these pilots and their families will have a negative and noticeable impact on both. While I hesitate to get involved in the financial and policy decisions of private companies, I would remind you of your commitment to Alaska and assure you that I, along with the people of Alaska, value your presence in the State. I encourage you to make every effort to minimize the economic impacts that these furloughs will have on those directly affected and to the municipality of Anchorage.

Sincerely,



Lisa Murkowski  
United States Senator