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I am writing to you to express my concern about the anti-competitive application by British Airways (BA) and American Airlines (AA) for anti-trust immunity. This proposal poses insurmountable competition issues and raises significant concerns regarding the adverse consumer impact it will have.

If the application were to be approved, BA/AA would have a stranglehold on US- London Heathrow services and an overwhelming frequency and schedule advantage over other airlines on the densest US-London Heathrow markets. As a result, BA/AA would enjoy a position of unchallengeable market dominance. Such presence by BA/AA on individual routes would stifle competition from existing carriers. Even if other carriers were able to access Heathrow, the dominance which BA/AA would have over the most popular Heathrow-US markets would deter competition from new entrants.

I trust that your Department will examine all the evidence carefully and pay particular attention to the damage to consumers' interests that approval of the application would cause.

Sincerely,