



**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

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NOTICE

By this Notice, the U.S. Department of Transportation (the Department) (1) suspends the authority granted to all public charter operators that authorizes public charter flights between any point in the United States and any point in Cuba, except José Martí International Airport (HAV) in Havana; and (2) establishes a limit on the number of authorized public charter flights between the United States and José Martí International Airport (HAV) in Havana.

The suspension of public charter flights to points other than Havana will be effective 60 days after the date of this Notice and will remain in effect until further notice of the Department. The procedures and effective date for the cap on public charter flights to Havana will be addressed by subsequent show-cause order.

The Department is taking this action at the request of the U.S. Department of State. By letter dated January 7, 2020, Secretary of State Michael R. Pompeo wrote to Secretary of Transportation Elaine L. Chao, stating that:

To strengthen the impact of the Administration's policy of applying economic pressure on the Cuban regime to respect human rights and fundamental freedoms for all in Cuba and to cease its unconscionable support for the illegitimate and totalitarian regime of former President Maduro in Venezuela, and in the foreign-policy interests of the United States, I respectfully request that the Department of Transportation suspend until further notice all public charter flights between the United States and all airports in Cuba except José Martí International Airport (HAV) in Havana. I further request that the Department of Transportation, in the foreign-policy interest of the United States, cap charter flights to José Martí International Airport at an appropriate level consistent with the policy objectives identified above.¹