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The Honorable Jared Polis  
Governor of Colorado  
136 State Capitol  
Denver, CO 80203-1792

**Re: Veto Request for Senate Bill 26-134 (SB 26-134), Concerning the imposition of fees by payment card networks**

Dear Governor Polis:

As you know, there are very few issues upon which four out of five people agree. However, in recent polling, 80 percent of Colorado consumers say earning bonus rewards is an important benefit of using their credit cards.

That comes as no surprise. Consumers overwhelmingly love credit card rewards programs and enjoy accumulating points that they can use on groceries, clothes, gas and travel.

- **79 percent** say they would likely switch cards if rewards were significantly reduced or eliminated.
- **79 percent** have a credit card that allows them to earn rewards.
- **85 percent** have redeemed awards within the past two years.

All of this could come to an end if SB 26-134 becomes law. It's bad for consumers, bad for small businesses and bad for Colorado's economy.

That's why, on behalf of Airlines for America (A4A)<sup>1</sup>, I am asking you to **please veto this legislation.**

In 2024, airline credit cards alone generated more than \$1.2 billion of economic impact and supported almost 10,000 jobs in your state. More than 740,000 travelers visited Colorado that year using rewards, driving \$596 million in visitor spending and \$46.5 million in state and local tax revenue. Yet, SB 26-134 introduces unnecessary uncertainty into the entire rewards system, threatening important sources of revenue and investment for the state.

Nationwide, 31 million consumers rely on airline-branded credit cards for everyday purchases. In Colorado, families and businesses depend on fast, secure and reliable payment systems that provide choice and convenience. Preserving the current system will help ensure consumers, small businesses and the state's tourism economy continue to thrive.

On behalf of Colorado residents, consumers and the travel economy, I ask that you veto SB26-134.

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<sup>1</sup> The members of the association are Alaska Airlines, Inc.; American Airlines Group, Inc.; Atlas Air, Inc.; Delta Air Lines, Inc.; Federal Express Corporation; JetBlue; Southwest Airlines Co.; United Airlines Holdings, Inc.; and United Parcel Service Co. Air Canada is an associate member.