

September 1, 2016

Ms. Michele Erwin  
All Wheels Up, Inc.  
951 Leora Lane  
Lewisville, TX 75056

Dear Ms. Erwin:

On behalf of the members of the United Spinal Association, especially those who use a wheelchair, I am pleased to offer our support of your efforts to ensure safe and efficient standards and measures are adopted to provide equitable access to air travel for individuals with disabilities. Being the only organization in the world to create a project to crash test onboard wheelchair restraint systems opens a path of progress that is gratefully appreciated by United Spinal's members.

United Spinal Association is the largest disability-led national non-profit organization founded by paralyzed veterans in 1946 and has since provided service programs and advocacy to improve the quality of life of those across the life span living with spinal cord injuries and disorders (SCI/D) such as multiple sclerosis, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), post-polio syndrome and spina bifida. United Spinal represent over one million individuals with spinal cord injuries and disorders, 50 chapters, 105 rehabilitation hospital members and close to 200 support groups nationwide. Throughout its history, United Spinal Association has devoted its energies, talents and programs to improving the quality of life for these Americans and for advancing their independence. United Spinal Association is also a VA-recognized service organization (VSO) serving veterans with disabilities of all kinds.

Members and staff of the United Spinal Association look forward to working with you, your partners and all those involved with All Wheels Up on issues and projects to provide accessibility for those who use wheelchairs in air service. There is no question that aviation is a critical link in our nation's and the world's transportation chain. The more seamless our transportation network becomes for everyone, the greater progress we achieve. Importantly, the progress gained will not be limited solely to a greater provision of civil rights for all, but it will also embrace greater social and economic benefits for all.

Together we can improve the quality of life for those living, working and thriving with disabilities and we thank you for your continued commitment to the disability community. Please feel free to contact Kent Keyser, Public Policy Fellow at [kkeyser@unitedspinal.org](mailto:kkeyser@unitedspinal.org) or (202) 556-2076 for any questions.

Sincerely,



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