

April 15, 2025

By Email

Office of the Attorney General
Attn: Attorney General Tong
165 Capitol Ave
Hartford, CT 06106

Re: State of Connecticut Threat to Withhold Support Due to Avelo Performing Flights for the Federal Government

Dear Attorney General Tong,

Avelo Airlines acknowledges your letter of April 8, 2025 and the concerns stated therein.

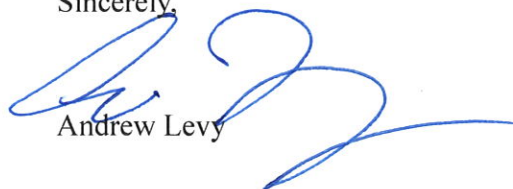
Avelo Airlines appreciates the support of the people of Connecticut and takes pride in the new flight routes and expanded business that Avelo and the people of Connecticut have created together. We are also proud of our contributions – creating jobs, stimulating economic activity, and providing reliable travel options for residents and visitors.

However, we do believe from the tone of your letter that there is a fundamental misunderstanding how the federal government contracts the flights that are the subject of your letter. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) creates the scope of work and mandates that the work is performed compliant with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulations, specifically 14 CFR Part 121. DHS and FAA unilaterally determine which procedures and practices are used on the flights.

A copy of the relevant federal contract can be obtained from the DHS via a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. Consequently, questions regarding the contract's scope of work, including passenger ages, flight origins, DHS communications with the courts, passenger restraint protocols, and instructions provided to contractors should be directed to DHS, which oversees and enforces all relevant immigration matters. Questions regarding the regulatory requirements for timely evacuation of commercial aircraft in the event of an emergency should be addressed to the FAA.

Avelo remains committed to public safety and the rule of law, as evidenced by our public, continuous, and persistent compliance with all federal regulations governing commercial air travel in the United States.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Andrew Levy".

Andrew Levy

