



Issue Date: 30 March 2012

CASE NO.: 2012-AIR-00006

IN THE MATTER OF

**DONALD LAWTON,
Complainant**

v.

**AIRTRAN AIRWAYS
Respondent**

DECISION AND ORDER APPROVING SETTLEMENT

This case involves a complaint under the Whistleblower Protection Provision of the Wendell H. Ford Aviation Investment and Reform Act for the 21st Century (AIR Act), 42 U.S.C. § 42121, brought by Complainant against Respondent. On March 26, 2012, the parties filed a Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement and Dismissal of Proceeding.

The document entitled Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement and Dismissal of Proceeding is a fully executed settlement agreement. I have reviewed the agreement, and it appears to be fair, reasonable and consistent with public policy. To the extent the Release and Waiver contains provisions that may relate to actions by Complainant or Respondent under any other statute, this Decision and Order makes no determination regarding the propriety of such provisions.

IT IS ORDERED that the settlement agreement is approved, and this case is dismissed with prejudice.

Finally, the parties have designated the settlement agreement to be confidential commercial information in accordance with 29 C.F.R. §70.26 and shall be afforded the protections thereunder.

So ORDERED.

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**LARRY W. PRICE
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE**

