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Michael Wascom joined American Airlines on August 27, 2007, as Managing Director, Government & International Affairs. Based in Washington, DC, he works with Members of Congress and federal government agencies, including the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Department of State (DOS), Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Transportation Security Administration (TSA), and Customs and Border Protection (CBP) on issues related to domestic and international aviation. Mr. Wascom also handles international political matters in Europe, Asia-Pacific, Mexico, the Caribbean and Latin America.

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