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To Whom It May Concern:

In October of last year I was on American Airlines flight # 175, where a diabetic passenger experienced a medical emergency that forced the plane to land before reaching its destination. As one of the physicians on the plane, I helped to stabilize the passenger prior to landing. However that would not have been possible without immediate and knowledgeable assistance from Anthony Barone, who was also on the flight. On a moment's notice he used the skills he learned as a firefighter to assist me as we treated the patient.

I wanted you to know that Tony conducted himself in the utmost professional manner, and his assistance truly made a difference in this passenger's life.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Raul Ruiz", written in a cursive style.

Raul Ruiz, M.D.
Member of Congress (CA-36)

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