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Scott Faulk
U.S. Department of Transportation
EAS & Domestic Analysis Division
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Please select Advanced Air to continue Essential Air Service (EAS) at the Grant County NM Airport

Dear Mr. Faulk:

Thank You for initially selecting Advanced Air to service Grant County in January 2019 - they have not disappointed. The service has been phenomenal. You may remember significant opposition from our constituents opposed to changing carriers before the change, but once service by Advanced Air began service, the complaints ended. The citizens of Grant County have been impressed with the reliability, service and aircraft provided by Advanced Air.

The twin-prop King Air 350 is newer, faster, quieter, roomier, cleaner and safer than the aircraft provided by former carriers, and has many amenity advantages including polarized, larger windows, adjustable seats in all directions, and more cargo room with enough space to accommodate large luggage, golf clubs, rifles and skis. The Bose noise cancellation technology allows a conversation in the cabin without passengers having to yell.

Advanced Air staff is professional and they give superior service in every way. The serious delays and cancellations we were experiencing with the former carrier have been almost entirely eliminated. Its important to have dependable service in and out of Grant County. Thank You. Please also reference the letter sent by the Grant County Commission. Our diverse board unitedly recommends Advanced Air for for our EAS needs.

Sincerely

Gerald W. Billings Jr.

**Grant County Commission**