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United States Department of Transportation
OST - Office of Aviation Analysis
Attn: Mark Raggio

Transmitted electronically: mark.raggio@dot.gov

Re: DOT-OST-1997-2649

Dear Mr. Raggio,

We would like to thank you for the opportunity to provide community input into the selection of an Essential Air Service (EAS) carrier for Crescent City, California. We are aware that your office recently posted an order requesting proposals for EAS at Crescent City and understand that one response was received from Boutique Airlines. At this time we wish to express our desire for the DOT to reject the proposal from Boutique Airlines.

For the past two years this community has been well served by Contour Airlines under an Alternate Essential Air Service grant awarded to the Border Coast Regional Airport Authority on behalf of the community. It is our understanding that this grant will expire on September 30, 2020 and that the DOT was soliciting proposals from EAS carriers in anticipation of the expiration of that grant.

The Border Coast Regional Airport Authority is a Joint Powers Authority composed of the local governments within our region including the Curry County. At their regular meeting on April 2, 2020 the Airport Authority's Board of Commissioners unanimously voted to recommend to DOT that the Boutique proposal be rejected and concurrently directed staff to solicit a proposal from Contour as well as develop and submit an application for the Alternate EAS program to your office. The Airport Authority JPA has been entrusted to represent this community in matters pertaining to aviation and, as such, we concur with the Airport Authority in recommending that the Boutique proposal be rejected and that our community be allowed to continue in its successful participation in the AEAS program in partnership with Contour Airlines.

Respectfully,

Christopher S Paasch



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