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The Honorable Elaine Chao  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

I am writing in strong support of the *Application for Continued Inclusion in the Alternate Essential Air Service Pilot Program* submitted by the City of Page, Arizona, on April 8, 2020, to continue service with Contour Airline's 30-seat jet aircraft to Phoenix and Las Vegas.

The Department initially approved Page's participation in the Alternate Essential Air Service Pilot Program because it recognized the community's need for aircraft with sufficient capacity to grow demand and enhance public acceptance, as well as to ensure scheduling flexibility due to the seasonal nature of travel to and from the region. These factors remain critical to the continued success of Department-supported air service and the economic growth of the region.

Since Contour began service under the Alternate Essential Air Service Pilot Program in August 2018, the City has nearly doubled its annual passenger counts. Moreover, Contour has been dedicated and reliable partner of the City, completing over ninety-nine percent of its scheduled flights with an excellent customer service record. Most recently, Contour executed an agreement with American Airlines, the largest carrier at Phoenix, allowing passengers to fly both airlines under a single itinerary, further enhancing travel options to the region. I urge the Department to grant Page's request for a four-year extension of this Program to continue such successful service.

I am confident that continued service with Contour will benefit the traveling public by providing reliable air service to the City of Page and the surrounding area – including Lake Powell, the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, and the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area – and will support sustained growth in the region. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you should have any related questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



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