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Michael D. Gormas United States Department of Transportation Office of Aviation Analysis 1200 New Jersey Ave SE Washington, DC 20590

Dear Mr. Gormas:

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 existing Essential Air Services contract with the City of Page it has proven as a huge success and critical resource. The service provided has been a conduit to critical and hard to fill jobs in the region.

Since Contour began service under the Alternate Essential Air Service Pilot Program in August 2018, they have afforded Aramark and Lake Powell Resorts the ability to get essential seasonal staff from all over the country and the world with ease so that we can continue to staff our large operations to service the millions of visitors to the area. We have a number of full-time employees, myself included along with a regular group of Aramark corporate visitors that rely on this service to conduct business.

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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