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Dear Mr. Faulk,

I am in receipt of DOT Order 2020-3-1 regarding Essential Air Service (EAS) eligibility for those communities which are eligible or have been granted waivers. According to the letter, Alamosa, CO is in violation of the DOT and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2000, Pub. L. 106-69, which prohibits the Department from subsidizing EAS for communities located within the 48 contiguous States when per passenger subsidy amounts exceed \$200, unless the community is located more than 210 miles from the nearest large or medium hub airport.

The letter also explained that Alamosa, CO has been tentatively granted a waiver from the \$200 subsidy cap due to Alamosa's FY2019 subsidy (\$203) being lower than any of the three previous fiscal years.

I want to thank the Department of Transportation for granting a waiver to Alamosa, and also to extend thanks to you, Mr. Scott Faulk, for the help and support that you have provided. In the coming years, I will work with our air carrier(s) with the goal of maximizing our flights and flight load capacities, thus reducing the subsidy per passenger costs to at or below \$200.

We look forward to the continued EAS support that your department provides to small, rural, and isolated communities like Alamosa for many years to come.

Sincerely,

Will Hickman