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Mr. Michael Martin
Office of Aviation Analysis
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: DOT-OST-2001-10685, Laurel/Hattiesburg, Mississippi Essential Air Service

Mr. Martin:

The greater Hattiesburg community fully supports the request of SkyWest Airlines to change the Essential Air Service pattern at Hattiesburg/Laurel effective July 1, 2020.

Our service shift from a hub of Dallas/Ft. Worth (DFW) to a hub of Houston Intercontinental (IAH) would continue to allow our community to travel the national air transportation network. The carrier is not requesting any change in subsidy support. We would continue to receive (outside of any COVID-19 driven reductions) the same number of flights per week. All Houston flights would be marketed under the United Airlines brand.

I appreciate the expedited approval of this SkyWest Airlines request.

All the best,

Toby Barker
Mayor – City of Hattiesburg