

June 25, 2020

Mr. Michael Gormas  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
Office of Aviation Analysis  
1200 New Jersey Avenue  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Mr. Gormas:

On behalf of the Blair County Chamber of Commerce and its Transportation Committee, it is our intention to recommend that Essential Air Service at the Altoona-Blair County Airport (AOO) be provided by Boutique Air (BA).

The Altoona-Blair County Airport is an integral part of our business community's ability to conduct commerce by making out-of-county businesses accessible to opportunities located here. Boutique Air's proposal to the Blair County Airport Authority most closely represents what we believe will provide incentives for businesses to utilize air travel into and out of Blair County.

Our Chamber is also impressed with Boutique Air's reputation for reliability, its agreements with both American and United airlines and its ability to provide ground transportation options through its car rental facility.

The Blair County Chamber of Commerce is an organization of 1,028 members representing more than 40,000 employees.

Please feel free to contact me for any additional information on our recommendation. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
The Chamber

Joseph D. Hurd  
President/CEO