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Mr. Gormas,

In regards to the replacement of Southern Air with Boutique at the Altoona Blair County Airport, what we know is a few authority members who fly sometimes met in a closed secret meeting and to satisfy their desire for a classier ride convinced others to vote to bring in Boutique Air at \$500,000 more per year and higher trip fares. This is at a time when our economy and the average passenger is facing financial strain. If these authority members had to cover this cost they sure wouldn't think this was needed.

I've been an Airline Transport Pilot for 45 years with 29000 hours flying airline and corporate aircraft. It is not necessary for this type of aircraft to fly 105 miles from Altoona to Pittsburgh for these additional costs. Also 7 or 8 pilots will be displaced from the Altoona base.

It has been said that the D.O.T. will simply take the recommendation of the 7 appointed authority members without consideration of the tax paying public. This isn't right and I am asking for Southern Airways Express to be kept at Altoona Blair County Airport where they have been doing a great job for less money.

Concerned tax payer,

Tom Woodling