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United States Department of Transportation
Essential Air Service (EAS) and Small Community Air Service Development Program
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Essential Air Service at Plattsburgh International Airport – Docket # DOT-OST-2003-14783

Dear Mr. Martin:

As the mayor of the City of Plattsburgh, I am writing to first thank you for your decision to approve Skywest's EAS proposal to Plattsburgh International Airport (PBG), and to accept their renewed proposal to provide air service between Plattsburgh, NY, and Washington, DC via Dulles International Airport. It turns out that Dulles has been a very popular and well-subscribed route for our travellers and has afforded them access to a much broader network of connections than we've ever had before.

The City is poised for growth that will only added to the resiliency we've experienced because of our proximity to Montreal. This strong economic growth has been enhanced by adding SkyWest's service. With the recent \$55 million terminal expansion, our airport is meeting existing needs and addressing future needs for domestic and international travel and commerce, and has even resulted in an additional recent \$38 million award by New York State. SkyWest Airlines is the best fit for our newly improved and growing airport.

The addition of SkyWest service at PBG is crucial to our community and my city because:

1. For the first time, we have a regular scheduled carrier into a major hub.
2. The frequency and reliability of service is a vast improvement over smaller and less reliable providers.
3. It is very popular with the elected officials and agencies that represent us.
4. Such a reputable carrier able to handle code share, baggage, and Star Alliance membership really helps us establish our airport to more seasoned travelers.

We appreciate the vision we share with you in bringing to fruition a reliable, seamless air service to a major hub with proven connectivity is vital to the region's success. We strongly support SkyWest's bid to become the EAS carrier for PBG and the North Country Region.

Sincerely,



Colin L. Read
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