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August 7, 2020

Mr. Michael Martin  
Essential Air Service and Domestic Analysis Division  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Victoria County Community Comments Regarding Department of Transportation Order 2020-5-9 Requesting Proposals in Docket DOT-OST-2005-20454

Dear Mr. Martin,

I submit this letter to express to you my ardent support for the Department of Transportation's approval of Victoria Regional Airport's (VRA) essential air service and SkyWest Airlines carrier request.

Upon the review and comparison of SkyWest's proposal to others submitted, the City of Victoria supports SkyWest Airlines as the selected commercial airline carrier at the Victoria Regional Airport.

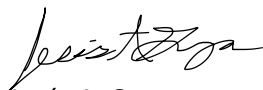
Some key items were particularly attractive in SkyWest's presentation:

- Frequency of flights (two roundtrips on weekdays and one roundtrip on Saturday and Sunday) to Houston IAH.
- SkyWest's Code-Share partnerships with other major airlines including United Airlines, American Airlines, Alaska Airlines, and Delta Airlines.
- The ability to transport more passengers on SkyWest's larger aircraft.

It is of great importance for our economic development efforts to be able to provide current and potential businesses convenient and reliable transportation services in and out of Victoria. We are also in the beginning stages of transformational change that will make Victoria more of a destination city and having SkyWest will help supplement and boost these efforts.

We are excited to see a commercial airline with the proven record of success in markets of a similar size as Victoria operating locally to meet the business and personal needs of our community.

Please contact me for any further information or comments I can provide on behalf of the City of Victoria in support of the selection of SkyWest services.

  
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