



## CITY OF MERIDIAN

April 2, 2020

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Mr. Michael Martin  
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US Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Reference; DOT-OST-2008-0112, Meridian, Mississippi Essential Air Service

Dear Mr. Martin,

The community of Meridian, Mississippi supports the request of SkyWest Airlines to change the Essential Air Service pattern at Meridian effective July 1, 2020.

Service would shift from a hub of Dallas/Fort Worth (DFW) and Chicago O'Hare (ORD) to a hub of Houston Intercontinental (IAH). 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.

Thank you in advance for expedited approval of this SkyWest Airlines request.

Sincerely,

Percy Bland  
Mayor