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Mr. Nash,

I would like to update you on the Essential Air Service (EAS) air carrier-selection case at Tupelo and give your community the opportunity to offer its comments on the record before I submit a recommendation to the Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs. As you are aware, the Department issued Order 2020-1-6 on January 16, 2020, requesting proposals from airlines interested in providing EAS at Tupelo for a new contract term. In response to that Order, three airlines submitted proposals to serve Tupelo:

- Boutique Air
- Cape Air
- Southern Airways

In a previous e-mail to you, I attached each airline's proposal for your community's review. Those proposals have been uploaded to www.regulations.gov under docket number DOT-OST-2009-0305. It is important that your community review each proposal carefully. For questions specific to an airline's proposal, please contact the airline directly. All other questions, feel free to contact me.

I request that the community submit its final comments directly to me at michael.f.martin@dot.gov no later than Friday, April 17, 2020. Also, please forward this e-mail to all relevant civic officials that I have not included on the distribution list.

Regards,

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