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April 29, 2020

The Honorable Angus S. King, Jr.
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator King:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Essential Air Service (EAS) program at Bar Harbor. In your letter, you support the community's requests to (1) redefine its peak season to be the Friday before Memorial Day through the Wednesday after Columbus Day each year; and (2) to extend DOT Order 2018-5-9 by six weeks to end on October 14, 2020.

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As is our standard practice, a copy of your letter and this response will be placed in public docket DOT-OST-2011-0185 at www.regulations.gov.

A similar letter has been sent to Senator Collins.

Sincerely,

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