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Docket DOT-OST-2020-0037

The Honorable David E. Short
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Deputy Assistant Secretary Short:

Attached is a support letter from Congressman Greg Gianforte, the congressional representative of the district where Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport (BZN) is located.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert C. Land". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Robert" and last name "Land" being the most prominent parts.

Robert C. Land
Senior Vice President, Government Affairs
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Enclosure



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

May 11, 2020

Secretary Elaine Chao
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
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RE: Docket DOT-OST-2020-0037

Dear Secretary Chao,

I want to thank you for your hard work as our country continues to address these uncertain times. I am writing to support JetBlue's request for an exemption to temporarily suspend service to Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport (BZN) for 60 days.

I am proud to call Bozeman, Montana my home. Our airport serves as the gateway for tourists to visit some the most beautiful natural landscapes on the planet. Tourism brings hundreds of millions of dollars in revenue to the area every year. With easy access to Yellowstone National Park, skiing at Big Sky Resort, and world class fly-fishing, it is easy to see why Bozeman is so popular.

COVID-19 has taken a terrible toll on Montana's tourism and hospitality industry. As many communities continue to enforce social distancing and stay-at-home orders, demand for commercial air travel will be limited in the short term. The CARES Act requires that airlines maintain a level of air service to communities on existing routes. JetBlue's service to BZN includes two new transcontinental flights, from JFK and Boston. It makes sense to temporarily suspend these flights until demand for commercial air travel returns or in 60 days whichever is sooner.

The Department can grant exemptions where reasonable and practicable. I believe JetBlue's request meets those criteria. Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport also supports this request, demonstrating the importance of JetBlue's relationship to the community. JetBlue has brought vibrant business to BZN and we want to support them in a way that ensures a long-lasting partnership with our community.

I urge you to grant JetBlue's request to temporarily suspend service to BZN. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Greg Gianforte
Member of Congress

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing was served by electronic mail this 11th day of May, 2020 on the following:

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