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U.S. Department of Transportation
Office of the Secretary
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Washington, DC 20590

Re: Small Community Air Service Development Program

Dear Ms. Chapman,

I am writing to urge prompt consideration for the request submitted by the Metropolitan Airport Authority of Peoria, for the daily nonstop service from Peoria, Illinois, to and through two key airport locations that are critical to our community for travel – Phoenix, Arizona, Sky Harbor International Airport (PHX) and George Bush Houston Intercontinental Airport (IAH).

In central Illinois, there is significant travel by our neighbors within the community to the south, southwest, and west, as well as coming into central Illinois for meetings, training, business, and leisure. Efficient travel to and from these areas of the county are crucial for our community. We are certainly fortunate to have the caliber of air service the Peoria International Airport currently provides through industry-leading airlines.

Again, I urge full and fair consideration for the request submitted by the Metropolitan Airport Authority of Peoria for the daily nonstop service. Thank you and I look forward to your favorable review.

Sincerely,

Eric Sorensen
Member of Congress