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Dear Mr. DeVany:

On behalf of the City of Burlington, Iowa, I would like to respectfully object to the recent announcement by Corporate Airlines regarding their 90-day notice given to the Department of Transportation allowing for the termination of service at the Southeast Iowa Regional Airport.

The City of Burlington has been growing by all economic development standards, especially in recent years. A major marketing tool used in attracting new business and industry to our area has been frequent and dependable air transportation to the major hubs in the Midwestern United States. If indeed, Corporate Express terminates the Trans World Express carrier service currently offered, the growth of our community could be in jeopardy.

Since May 2000 when Corporate Express became our Trans World Express provider, passenger satisfaction has increased. The on-time reliable service has been extremely pleasing to the customers in and around Southeast Iowa and Western Illinois. We believe that the problems, which are causing Corporate Express to terminate service to the Southeast Iowa Regional Airport, could be eliminated with some strategic marketing.

The Southeast Iowa Regional Airport has made some quite large plans for improving the overall infrastructure of the airport including taxiway construction and runway overlay projects. If service is terminated, the dollars needed to fund these projects could be lost.

Please thoughtfully consider the situation in Southeast Iowa when looking at the termination of services currently provided by Corporate Express, Inc.

Sincerely,

Timothy Scott
Mayor