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Mr. Dennis Devanni, Chief
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Room 6401, USDOT
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Washington DC, 20590

Sub: Athens Georgia EAS

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Dear Mr. Devanni,

This letter is in reference to the above and a formal request from the Athens Airport Authority to [if at all possible] expedite the EAS process for Athens Georgia. The Authority has met with representatives from all bidders for the Athens air service market and feel confident of making their recommendation.

We understand from Mr. Kevin Adams that price negotiations for all bidders are complete for the exception of MESA Air Group, Inc. Please make all efforts possible to have MESA complete these negotiations so that an air carrier may be selected. Not knowing which carrier will be serving our market has had a negative impact on our ridership and we would like to resolve this as soon as possible.

Thank you and your staff for all of your hard work and please call me if I can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

Tim Beggerly,
Airport Manager

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