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Mr. Dennis DeVany  
US Department of Transportation  
Via Fax: 202/366-7638

Re: DOT Essential Air Service for Brownwood, Texas

Dear Mr. DeVany:

I am writing you today about a matter that has recently come to my attention and requires your immediate consideration. DOT has notified Brownwood and Mesa Airlines of impending cancellation of the Essential Air Service Subsidy, which has afforded Brownwood and the surrounding trade area air service to DFW since the late 1970's or early 1980's. This service is very important to the Brownwood community and surrounding counties.

As Texas State Representative for House District 60 and Chairman of the House Committee On Economic Development, I find this news very troubling. Brownwood is a vital city to the economic well being of the region and accessibility to air service is crucial.

I would like to respectfully request an extension of ninety (90) days from the current deadline of July 19, 2004, to allow the Brownwood community and Mesa Airlines to present a positive plan for the future and to have additional time to refute and correct missing, and what is believed to be faulty data in the DOT's analysis.

It has been my experience that elected officials in Brown County and the city of Brownwood are pro-active, farsighted and willing to work hard toward goals that benefit the entire region. I have no doubt that they will be able to drive boardings on the airline to an acceptable level to justify the continuance of this contract for the future.

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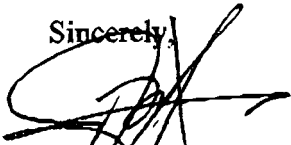


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Please give this important matter careful consideration. If you have any questions or comments concerning DOT Essential Air Service for Brownwood, I can be reached through my Austin Capitol office at (800)586-4515, or my place of business in Eastland at (800)433-1716.

Sincerely,



Jim Keffer  
State Representative

cc: US Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison  
US Senator John Cornyn  
US Congressman Charles Stenholm  
Texas Governor Rick Perry