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Attn: Dennis J. DeVany, Chief
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400 7th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Mr. DeVany:

The purpose of this letter is to encourage the Office of Aviation to renew the flight contract for Essential Air Service with Scenic Airlines.

William Bee Ririe Hospital is located in frontier Nevada and depends on Scenic Airlines to transport numerous visiting physician specialists and technologists to and from Reno and Las Vegas. Disrupting the daily round trip services from Reno or Las Vegas would result in reduced medical services to the community.

I am concerned that Mesa Airlines, if selected as the essential air service carrier for Ely, Nevada will reduce or discontinue services to and from Reno or Las Vegas.

Scenic Airline's recently established daily round trip service to Reno has proven invaluable to the hospital and White Pine County Residents. I recommend Scenic Airlines remain the essential air service provider for Ely, Nevada. Please contact me with questions or comments.

Sincerely,



Robert Morasko, CEO