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Dear Mr. DeVany:

The Board of Directors for the White Pine Chamber of Commerce has directed me to write this letter of support for Scenic Airlines.

Scenic Airlines, with the support of Kevin Dahlhaus, is an outstanding Chamber Member. We value their membership in the Chamber of Commerce very much. Whenever we have needed assistance from Scenic, Kevin has been there.

Scenic Airlines is a very strong supporter of White Pine County. Scenic Airlines has provided a quality of service that has been lacking for many years with previous providers. Scenic has the type of service that is required in many rural areas. We have people driving through who have car trouble, accidents, and just general problems all year long. Scenic has come to the rescue of many of those people by being there to help get those travelers on their way to their destinations. Scenic has gone beyond the "call of duty" to see that the traveler is comfortable, luggage handled carefully, and that the traveler(s) is happy. This takes a special kind of Airline as well as Manager here locally to handle any situation that comes up. Scenic Airlines and Kevin Dahlhaus are the right combinations for our area. Kevin makes special efforts to do his job well.

We believe that there is a special bond between Scenic Airlines and White Pine County. The numbers of passengers has increased steadily since Scenic came to our County. Also, with the increased service to Elko & Reno the Airline provides a service like no other to our rural area. The passengers on the Elko/Reno flights are extremely happy with that service. We have doctors who fly in to work in our local hospital. I, for one, have taken both flights - Ely/Las Vegas and Ely/Elko/Reno. The planes are clean, well maintained and the flights are very enjoyable as well as efficient.

We are very proud of what Scenic Airlines has accomplished in our area. Since we no longer have bus service out of our County, Scenic has been the absolute best to see to our traveler's needs. Scenic offers very fair, low fares. We are also very proud of Scenic Airlines for being a Nevada based company doing business in Nevada. Our Federal Offices (i.e., BLM and the Forest Service) use this service consistently. Our State Offices are also using the flights from Ely to Reno. The planes are almost always full. Scenic Airlines has gone above and beyond our expectations to service our area.

Mesa Air Group, Inc., dba Air Midwest will not offer us the same service. They will not be flying to Elko and Reno. This will hurt the State and Federal employees who need to be here.

Thank you for supporting White Pine County and Ely, Nevada. We hope to keep Scenic Airlines aboard with us!!!

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 775-289-8877 Monday through Friday from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm.

Yours truly,



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