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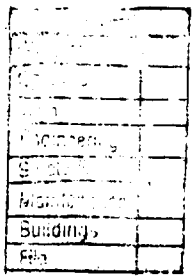

November 14, 1997

The Honorable Rodney E. Slater, Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
400 Seventh Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Docket No. OST-97-3087

Dear Secretary Slater:

On behalf of the Illinois Quad City business community I am writing to express our support of Access Air's Application for Exemption from the slot restriction rule at New York's LaGuardia Airport.

This East Coast service is desperately needed in both the Des Moines, Iowa and Moline/Quad Cities, Illinois service areas and would impact in excess of 1 million people within these metropolitan areas. By combining the passenger traffic from these two areas Access Air will link an estimated 40,000 travelers to the New York area annually, a vital link economically to Central and Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois.

Our organization along with many others has worked tirelessly on the issue of quality, reliable and affordable air service. We believe Access Air can provide the valuable service our areas are currently lacking and urge your department to consider their Application for Exemption.

Thank you for your consideration, please contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Rick Baker

Rick Baker
Executive Director