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Washington, D.C. 20590

RE: Essential Air Service - Fairmont, Minnesota
Docket OST - 1998-3843 -13

The Board of Directors of the Fairmont Area Chamber of Commerce urges you to continue the EAS designation for Fairmont, Minnesota.

We realize we exceed the \$200 per passenger statutory ceiling. However, the current carrier Great Lakes Aviation, did not want to serve Fairmont, consequently the service has not been reliable.

Since January 1st, 1999, thirty percent of the flights have been cancelled; therefore, with that percentage of unreliability, it is understandable why our community would not support the airline.

We would like to keep the EAS subsidy in Fairmont, Minnesota while we pursue a more reliable carrier.

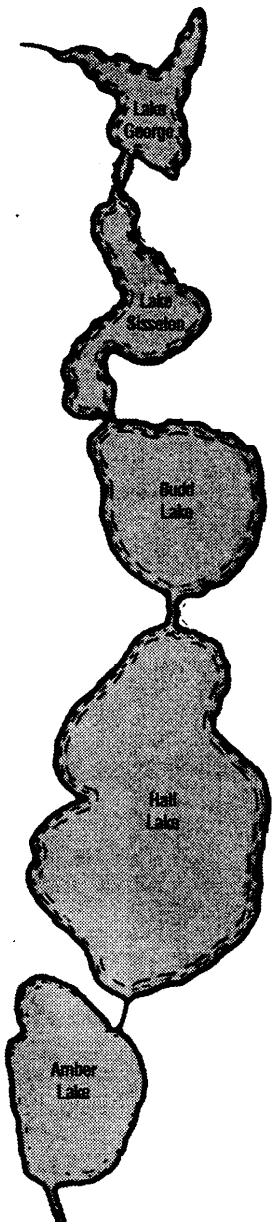
Sincerely,

Fairmont Area Chamber of Commerce

Bob Wallace, President

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cc: Rep. David Minge
Sen. Rod Grams
Sen. Paul Wellstone



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