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Dear Mr. Dixon:

RE: Reply to Request for Temporary Flight Schedule Change at Merced Municipal Airport

We have reviewed your request for the City of Merced's support for the temporary discontinuance of four weekly round-trip flights until April 7, 2002. We fully understand your company's justification in light of the entire airline industry's current economic challenges. In keeping with the City of Merced's long established tradition of being sensitive to the economic concerns of our business community, we are willing to consent to the temporary discontinuance of service as you requested. However, we are firmly opposed to any permanent reduction in service.

We also request that Scenic redouble its efforts with Merced area travel agents. We understand that you have indicated a willingness to meet with the City in the next few weeks concerning service levels. We are ready to meet and ask that you schedule that meeting.

The community of Merced and its staff look forward to partnering with your company to find viable and sustainable air transportation solutions that will benefit your company and enhance our community's travel and tourism opportunities.

Sincerely,

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Mayor

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