

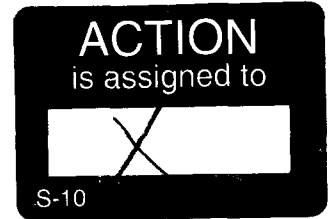


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December 16, 2003

The Honorable Norman Y. Mineta
Secretary
Department of Transportation
400 7th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Support of Alaska Airlines EAS Service at Cordova, Alaska

Dear Secretary Mineta:

I would like to express my strong support for Alaska Airlines being chosen to continue to provide essential air service using jet aircraft to our community. The service that Alaska Airlines is currently providing to Cordova is critical for the continued access and economic well being of our community as well as that of this entire region of the state.

Jet aircraft service offers important benefits that would be difficult, if not impossible, to match with other types of service or aircraft, i.e. route network/ease of connections, freight capabilities, and dependability in difficult weather conditions, which is extremely crucial when medical emergencies occur.

As Cordova is not connected with any road system, our isolated community is particularly dependent on reliable air access. And, as such, our airport has been built with a first class approach for jet aircraft service. Alaska Airline has provided this reliable and safe access for many years with the use of advanced technology flight navigational equipment.

I respectfully urge DOT to select Alaska Airlines for continued essential air service to Cordova. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Paul Kelly
General Manager/CEO

Happy Holidays!

cc: Senator Ted Stevens
Senator Lisa Murkowski
Congressman Don Young
Governor Frank Murkowski

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