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Mr. DeVaney

It has been brought to my attention that your department is reviewing essential air service out of Kearney, Nebraska. Our company does considerable traveling in the course of our business and the majority is to the east of Kearney. Any flights that originate from Kearney flying to the east would be a definite plus to our travelers. Our closest airport with that service is located in Lincoln and Omaha, which is a two to three hour drive from Kearney. Trying to get an early flight out of those cities requires our travelers to either drive down the night before or drive down very early in the morning. During the winter months, driving early in the morning is not a practical practice. By not having air service to the east, it adds to the days that my travelers must be out of our business. Our vendors also face the same problem in attempting to reach us.

Any consideration to this problem would be greatly appreciated by your department.

Sincerely,

Bob Schwarting
Plant Manager
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