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Mr. Dennis DeVany, Division Chief
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United States Department of Transportation
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Dear Mr. DeVany:

I am writing to add our company's support to the Kearney-Grand Island proposal to provide Central Nebraska with enhanced air service under your Essential Air Service program. It would greatly assist our company, Platte Valley State Bank & Trust Company, to add Kansas City to the existing service to Denver, which in turn will improve access to the regional and national air transportation network.

I believe the access to Kansas City in addition to Denver would increase enplanements at the airports and has a greater potential for future air travel from this region. I truly believe that the DOT should consider this type of partnership and fully encourage its success.

Rural Nebraska needs this partnership as a stimulus for growth. Please give this proposal your utmost attention and serious consideration.

Respectfully,

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