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Dennis J. DeVany
Chief, Essential Air Services Division
U.S. Department of Transportation
400 Seventh Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: EAS Contract for Grant County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. DeVany,

With respect to your request for input on the EAS contract concerning air service to Silver City / Hurley / Deming, New Mexico (Grant County Airport), I would like to offer the following information.

The Grant County Commission, acting as owners of the airport to be serviced by this contract, met in open session this morning to consider the proposals of both Great Lakes Airlines and Mesa Air Group. Both companies made presentations to the Commission, and members of the general public offered their opinions as well.

Based upon the past problems that Grant County has encountered with Mesa Air Group and upon the assurances made by Great Lakes Airlines, the County Commission voted unanimously to support the Great Lakes proposal and to recommend their receipt of the EAS contract currently under consideration.

I appreciate your efforts in securing these services for the citizens of Grant County. Please contact me if you require any additional information.

Sincerely,

Henry Torres
Chairman, Grant County Commission

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