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Mr. Michael Reynolds  
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Aviation  
And International Affairs  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
400 7th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

**VIA Email & USPS**

Dear Secretary Reynolds:

It is our understanding that your department is considering hosting a symposium where small community air service stakeholders will be invited to participate in and identify regulatory barriers affecting commercial air service to small communities and to further discuss ideas for improving rural air service.

Mr. Reynolds, we believe a symposium presents an excellent opportunity to exchange and develop reform ideas which have a chance of having a real and positive impact on small community air service.

RAP would like to extend an offer to “host” or “co-host” such a forum. RAP is the leading advocacy group in the nation exclusively dedicated to preserving Essential Air Service (EAS) in rural and small communities.

We look forward to working with you and your office as the Fiscal Year 2008 FAA Reauthorization process progresses and hope you will accept our offer to jointly host a small community air service symposium.

Please contact me as soon as possible to discuss details and arrangements if you have an interest in accepting this offer.

Sincerely,

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