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Michael F. Martin
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Office of Aviation Analysis
1200 New Jersey Ave.,SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Mr. Martin,

On behalf of the City of Augusta, I am happy to support the recent Essential Air Service (EAS) proposal for the Augusta State Airport submitted by Cape Air. As you know, Cape Air began offering EAS at the Augusta State Airport in 2010. Since that time Cape Air has provided excellent customer service and delivered safe and reliable service to our community.

The current proposal offered by Cape Air will continue to provide excellent air fares, a flexible schedule and destinations that will accommodate all travelers which the communities serviced by the Augusta State Airport have come to expect. Therefore, along with the Airport Manager and the Augusta City Council, I strongly support that the USDOT award a four year contract for Essential Air Service by Cape Air at the Augusta State Airport.

Please feel free to contact me at any time if you have any question or concerns regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Mark S. O'Brien, Mayor

Copy: Matt Nazar, Director of Development Services

John Guimond, Airport Manager