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The Honorable Ray LaHood
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary LaHood:

I am writing to express my support for the Small Community Air Service Development Program grant application submitted by the City of Sioux City, Iowa.

The Sioux Gateway Airport is a regional airport serving the entire Siouxland region, including parts of Nebraska, Iowa and South Dakota. Currently, the airport only offers direct flights to Minneapolis.

Sioux City's proposal is designed to add direct flights from Sioux City to Chicago, a top business and travel destination for individuals in the Siouxland area. Specifically, these funds would be used to fund a revenue guarantee in order to recruit an air carrier that provides direct air service from Sioux City to Chicago.

The City of Sioux City is to be commended for its efforts to increase access to air service in the Siouxland region. Please feel free to contact me, or Lindsay Murray in my Omaha office at 402-758-8981, if you have questions as you review this application.

Thank you for your consideration of this worthy application.

Sincerely,



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