



November 15, 2017

Mr. Michael Martin
U.S. Department of Transportation
Essential Air Service & Small Community Air Service Development Program
1200 New Jersey Ave. S.E.
Room#W86-308
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Mr. Martin,

Thank you for your continued support of Essential Air Service in Decatur, Illinois. We benefit greatly from the EAS program, as it allows business and leisure travelers from the greater Decatur community to connect with the rest of the world. A key factor in our success is the Chicago O'Hare connection.

After presentations by Archer Daniels Midland, Decatur Memorial Hospital, Economic Development Corporation, and the mayor of Decatur, as well as representation from additional local companies, the commissioners reconsidered their initial vote and now recommend SkyWest Airlines for EAS beginning in February 2018. ADM has committed \$100,000 toward airport terminal upgrades and 5,000 enplanements per year for two years.

Decatur Airport would like to begin a partnership with SkyWest and supports a 2-year contract. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Bob Brilley, II, President
Decatur Park Board of Commissioners

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