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Mary Peters
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
400 7th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20590

Subject: Small Community Air Service Development Program
Docket OST-2007-27370
City of Minot, North Dakota

Dear Secretary Peters,

We are writing in support of the City of Minot's application for Small Community Air Service Development Program funding to improve air service at Minot International Airport. Expanded service for the airport would be a great improvement for air travel in the region and would help promote economic growth.

The City of Minot would use the grant funding to attract a new airline and to market the new service. The airport and the community are united in support of the grant application that seeks to extend the air service that is currently available. The Minot International Airport and local organizations have been actively working on this goal and we believe this grant will give Minot what they need to successfully launch a new service. This is precisely the type of effort for which the Small Community Air Service Development Grants were designed, and we believe granting this application will fulfill the intent and purpose of the program.

We urge your favorable approval of the City of Minot's request for enhanced air service and thank your for consideration of this worthy grant application.

Sincerely,

BYRON DORGAN
United States Senate

KENT CONRAD
United States Senate

EARL POMEROY
United States Congress

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