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The Honorable Norman Y. Mineta
Secretary of Transportation
Department of Transportation
400 Seventh Street, SW
Washington, DC 20590

RE: City of Abilene's Application to DOT's FY04 Small Community Air Service Development Program

Dear Secretary Mineta,

This letter is to convey our support for the City of Abilene's request for the U.S.DOT Small Community Air Services Development Program grand to continue improving air service at Abilene Regional Airport for the benefit of west central Texans.

Abilene Regional Airport has taken a true leadership role in providing the best services to the citizens of the greater Abilene area.

American Eagle strongly encourages DOT to approve Abilene's grant application so they may continue forward with their plans to make Abilene Regional Airport the preeminent leader in providing air travel services to west central Texans.

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Additionally, we understand that Abilene Regional Airport has been so successful that the Office of Aviation Analysis in the U.S. Department of Transportation uses them as a best practices model for other small airports.

Thank you for consideration of their request!

Sincerely,

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