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U.S. Department of Transportation
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Re: Docket OST-2004-17343

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Dear Ms. Bingham:

I am writing to express my strong support for the air service proposal detailed in the Small Community Air Service Development Program grant application. The Redding Municipal Airport is critical to providing support to business, government, education, and leisure travel to and from our community. The proposed direct service to Los Angeles will improve our accessibility to southern destinations and the transportation hubs they represent. The expanded service could also provide much needed airfare competition in those markets.

The success of businesses and our economy is heavily dependent on air transportation. Future community growth depends, in part, on the airport's ability to meet the needs of existing businesses as well as companies considering locating in Shasta County.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Jimmy A. Yohe

c: Rod Dinger, Redding Airport Manager