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Re: Docket OST-2004-17343
SUPPORT

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION

Dear Associate Director Teresa 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/from our community. The proposed direct Horizon Air 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 and sustainability depends, in part, on the airport's ability to meet the needs of existing local businesses as well as companies considering locating in Shasta County.

Redding Municipal Airport has forged strong ties with the business community and the Redding community to attract better air service. We appreciate the opportunity to expand that partnership to include the U.S. Department of Transportation through the Small Community Air Service Development Program.

Sincerely,

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