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Mr. Kevin Schlemmer, Chief, EAS Division
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Re: Continuation of Alaska Airlines' Essential Air Service at Cordova, Gustavus, Petersburg, Wrangell, and Yakutat, Alaska, Docket OST-1998-4899

Dear Mr. Schlemmer :

This letter is to express support for the selection of Alaska Airlines to continue to provide essential air service to our community.

There is significant importance in Alaska Airlines flights to Cordova and Yakutat providing single-plane service to both Anchorage and Juneau; similarly, Alaska's Wrangell and Petersburg flights provide single-plane service to Juneau, Ketchikan and Seattle. From these hubs, our communities can access the airline's extensive route system and benefit from its marketing relationships with other carriers. The passenger and cargo aircraft, which Alaska Airlines proposes to continue using on this route, provides freight, mail and cargo capacity that other carriers simply cannot provide benefit these communities in efforts to increase shipments of seafood products from their locations.

Further, Alaska Airlines aircraft are equipped with Required Navigation Performance Technology, which enables the airline to reliably access the airport during inclement weather, thus reducing diversions and cancellations and, in turn, enabling people and products to dependably reach the community. On the occasions that flights are unable to land due to weather, with Alaska Airlines serving multiple destinations in Southeast Alaska, the availability of other nearby airports served enables re-accommodation of affected passengers is necessary.

Simply put, Alaska Airlines' service is critical to the economic well being of our community and (I/we) support their application to provide Essential Air Service to Southeast Alaska.

Sincerely,

Lance Stevens, President

