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Brent Dehart
465 Commercial St., Suite 100
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Commercial Air Service to Salem (SLE)

Mr. Dehart,

Please accept this letter as confirmation of the City of Silverton Council's support for bringing back sustainable commercial air service to Salem, Oregon.

At its regular meeting on November 5, 2018, the Silverton City Council provided unanimous consensus to support this endeavor. Members of the City Council voiced their support of the project and the potential benefits to Silverton's economy.

Salem is the state capital and second largest city in Oregon with a thriving economy. The City of Silverton is located only 15 miles east of Salem and home to a number of tourist destinations. Access to air transportation close to home would benefit our local residents and allow visitors to arrive even closer to the wonderful amenities in our area. Silverton is home to the Oregon Garden, a stunning 80-acre botanical garden featuring more than 20 specialty gardens that showcase the botanical beauty of the Willamette Valley. Located on site is the Oregon Garden Resort and Spa and Frank Lloyd Wright's Gordon House, the only example of Wright's work in Oregon. Visitors can stroll through Silverton's Historic Downtown that boasts a number of shops, restaurants, a theater, a boutique hotel, as well as 15 murals that are painted and maintained by local and regional artists. They can take a short drive to Oregon's largest state park and hike the Trail of Ten Falls at Silver Falls State Park. These are just a few of the great things that our community has to offer visitors to the Willamette Valley.

The Silverton City Council applauds the community-driven effort to restore regular commercial air service to Oregon's state capital. The City of Silverton and the entire mid-Willamette Valley would benefit from their success. The Council wholeheartedly supports commercial air service in Salem and looks forward to the return of this vital service.

Sincerely,

Kyle Palmer
Mayor
City of Silverton