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U.S. Department of Transportation
Office of Aviation Analysis, 8th Floor, Room W86-307
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590
Docket DOT-OST-2022-003

Re: Corpus Christi International Airport SCASDP Grant Application

Dear Ms. Chapman:

I'm writing today on behalf of Port Industries of Corpus Christi in support of Corpus Christi International Airport's (CCIA) application for a Small Community Air Service Development Program (SCASDP) grant. We strongly support CCIA's efforts to encourage the community to fly local, and are committed to using CCIA when it makes sense to do so. We believe that the proposed grant will greatly enhance the business environment in the Coastal Bend region, both by improving access to the rest of the country for local businesses and by making it easier for visitors to come to Corpus Christi and contribute to the local economy.

CCIA is the most convenient airport for Corpus Christi and the greater Coastal Bend region, but limited nonstop flight service and higher fares relative to competing airports lead many travelers to drive more than two hours to airports in San Antonio, Austin, or Houston to access direct flights to their destinations.

The proposed grant, which supports a revenue guarantee and marketing campaign for new nonstop service to Denver International Airport (DEN), will significantly improve the attractiveness of using CCIA for both business and leisure travel by providing convenient service to an important origin and destination market. Current travel data shows Denver as the largest unserved market from CCIA, but most travelers flying to/from Denver use other airports. Nonstop service will give travelers access to another hub that connects the entire western half of the United States, which in many cases will be more convenient compared to current route options from CCIA.

Thank you for your consideration of CCIA's SCASDP grant application. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Sincerely,



Robert J. Paulison
Executive Director

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