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US Department of Transportation
Office of the Secretary
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Washington, D.C. 20590

Subject: Sun Country Airlines' Letter of Support for Corpus Christi International Airport's 2021 Small Community Air Service Development Program Grant Application

Dear Ms. Chapman,

Sun Country Airlines supports the application of Corpus Christi International Airport (CCIA) for a Small Community Air Service Development Program (SCASDP) grant. The airport's goal is to provide funds for a revenue guarantee and marketing support for new nonstop service between CCIA and Denver International Airport (DEN). Sun Country has been evaluating potential service from CCIA to DEN, as well as other destinations.

Sun Country recognizes that CCIA's limited nonstop service options and high fares relative to competing airports have caused many travelers to drive more than two hours to airports in San Antonio, Austin or Houston in order to have efficient access to flights to the places where the local community wants to travel. We believe that the high-quality, low-cost service that Sun Country could provide in connecting the Coastal Bend region to a significant destination, in combination with CCIA's own efforts in collaboration with the community, would reduce this leakage and draw travelers back to using their hometown airport. Similarly, we recognize the strength of Corpus Christi as a destination for Colorado residents, and expect that nonstop service would also cause some travelers to fly rather than drive as they are doing today.

Although Sun Country believes that nonstop service between Corpus Christi and Denver could be successful, any new service comes with inherent risks and significant costs, especially in the current volatile industry environment. A SCASDP grant award with an associated minimum revenue guarantee would help us mitigate those risks. While Sun Country cannot guarantee that we will launch service from CCIA, the SCASDP grant would greatly increase our interest in entering the market.

We look forward to continuing to work with CCIA regarding potential Sun Country service that would improve CCIA's access to the aviation system as well as enhance competition, and thank you for your consideration of CCIA's proposal.

Sincerely,



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