

United States Senate

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Brooke Chapman, Associate Director
Small Community Air Service Development Program
Office of Aviation Analysis
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE W86-307
Washington, DC 20590

Subject: Docket DOT-OST-2016-0037, Billings Logan International Airport

Dear Ms. Chapman:

I write in support of the application by Billings Logan International Airport and its partners for a Federal Small Community Air Service Development Program (SCASDP) grant. The Billings Airport is partnering with the Billings Chamber of Commerce, the Billings Tourism Business Improvement District, and Big Sky Economic Development.

This grant would be used to encourage American Airlines to open direct, daily service between Billings, Montana, and Dallas, Texas. This grant would be leveraged with the \$600,000 in private contributions that are already committed.

This airline route will not only allow Billings travelers to fly to Dallas, it will allow Texans to come and experience the magic of Billings and the surrounding countryside. Given that both destinations produce energy, it is to be expected that many business travelers will take advantage of this service. This grant will encourage economic development, boost tourism, and attract tourists to enjoy Montana's awesome outdoors.

Thank you for your attention to this application. If I can provide any additional information, do not hesitate to contact me. Please inform my office of the eventual decision on this application.

Sincerely,



Jon Tester
United States Senator