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March 26, 2026

Mark Raggio  
Office of Aviation Analysis  
Essential Air Service Program  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Strong Support for Selection of SkyWest Airlines to Provide Commercial Air Service at Canyonlands Regional Airport (Moab, Utah)

Dear Secretary and Members of the Essential Air Service Selection Committee:

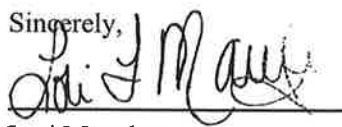
The San Juan Board of County Commissioners would like to express our unanimous recommendation to select SkyWest Airlines as the next air carrier for Canyonlands Regional Airport (CNY) in Moab, Utah.

SkyWest Airlines is a proud, Utah-based company with deep roots in our state. Headquartered in St. George, SkyWest has long been a reliable partner in connecting Utah communities, including Moab, to the rest of the nation. Their proposal to restore essential nonstop service between Canyonlands Regional Airport and Salt Lake City International Airport (SLC)\*\*—in addition to Denver—will significantly improve connectivity for Southeastern Utah residents, businesses, and visitors. Salt Lake City serves as Utah's primary economic and transportation hub, and reestablishing this critical link will strengthen tourism, support local economic development, and provide more convenient travel options for Southeastern Utah's families.

As a Utah company that has successfully served this route in the past, SkyWest is uniquely positioned to deliver high-quality service that meets the specific needs of our communities throughout this region. Reliable commercial air service is essential for this region. Canyonlands Regional Airport is a vital gateway to Utah's iconic national parks and outdoor recreation economy. Selecting SkyWest will help ensure consistent, dependable flights that benefit travelers, businesses, and the broader Southeastern Utah region.

We respectfully urge the Department of Transportation to approve the recommendation and award the contract to SkyWest Airlines. Their selection will deliver meaningful benefits to Utah families and strengthen our State's aviation network.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,  
  
Lori Maughan  
Commission Chair