



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
August 4, 2021

Mr. Michael Martin
United States Department of Transportation
Office of Aviation Analysis
1200 New Jersey Ave SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Mr. Martin:

I write in support of City of Quincy's recommendation to have Cape Air as the airline operating Essential Air Service flights from their regional airport. Cape Air has proven itself as a reliable, safe, and innovative airline. Specifically, the recommended proposal is a 4-year contract with flights operating to both St. Louis and Chicago, equally.

Chicago O'Hare is one of the largest airports in the world with non-stop service to nearly 250 unique destinations. The importance of connecting Quincy's citizens to this massive route structure cannot be overstated. Concurrently, the presence of Southwest Airlines at St. Louis Lambert Airport makes the Quincy to St. Louis route ever popular for those traveling domestically and looking for convenient, affordable travel. Routes to both Chicago and St. Louis ensure efficient and invaluable connections for constituents with important business to conduct in these centers of commerce.

I have full faith in Cape Air to achieve all the goals outlined by the EAS Program. It is my hope that you will give City of Quincy's recommendation full and fair consideration. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me or my District Director, Brad Stotler, at (309)671-7027.

Sincerely,

Darin LaHood
Member of Congress