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Mr. James R Langley, Jr  
Chairman, Clinton County Legislature  
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137 Margaret Street, Suite 208  
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Dear Chairman Langley:

Jim, after reviewing the Public Law of 1978 (an amendment to the Federal Aviation Act of 1958), there is language which states the area municipality has a responsibility to participate in the decision regarding local essential air service.

I understand the city may not have an official vote on this decision, however, I believe it is my responsibility as Mayor to provide you and the legislature with my opinion.


I have reviewed the bid proposals thoroughly and have had discussions with Mike Colgan and Andrew Bonney. If I was involved in the decision-making process I would support a two year commitment to Cape Air regardless of the concerns about plane size. My reasoning is as follows:

- Cape Air has more than doubled air traffic locally in less than two years.
- Cape Air has received a letter of support and has an airline business relationship with Jet Blue which could be an outstanding carrier for the Plattsburgh International Airport.
- Cape Air has reduced its cost to passengers in this proposal as well as adding an additional round trip flight from June to September.
- Cape Air enjoys same terminal connections with Jet Blue, Boston's largest low-cost airline, which serves 13 of Boston's 15 most popular destinations which is substantially more than Colgan/US Airways.

In speaking with a number of city residents, an overwhelming majority are pleased with Cape Air's service and cost.

In closing Jimmy, I understand a majority of the County Legislature is supporting Colgan Air. As Mayor, I believe I have the responsibility to state my position on this very important matter. I have also included an October Businessweek article discussing concerns with Us Airways for your review.

Sincerely,



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