



Marion County
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Board of Commissioners

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RE: Commercial Air Service to McNary Field, Salem, Oregon

**BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS**

To Whom It May Concern:

Janet Carlson
Kevin Cameron
Sam Brentano

The Marion County Board of Commissioners supports the regional effort to secure sustainable commercial air service to McNary Field in Salem, Oregon. The county has a concentrated population base, surrounded by small communities that have limited air transportation options. We believe this will serve a wide band of the population, including private sector business, agriculture, government, and education sectors with a promise to lower congestion and decrease travel times.

**CHIEF
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John Lattimer

The future economic development of scheduled passenger service is a must for a robust growing population attracting new employers in diverse industries. In addition, the travel and tourism industry continues to generate an increasing number of visitors to our State Capitol and the surrounding wine industry counties.

Lastly, evacuating people out of the mid-valley will be critical in natural emergencies, such as the expected Cascadia earthquake event, when bridges to Portland are expected to be inoperable and vehicular travel to Portland impossible.

We ask for your favorable consideration for this very worthwhile service bringing valuable economic benefits to our communities.

Sincerely,



Janet Carlson, Chair



Kevin Cameron, Vice Chair



Samuel A. Brentano, Commissioner