## Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

January 4, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg Secretary U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

Enclosed please find a copy of the letter that was sent to the Office of Aviation Analysis at the U.S. Department of Transportation from the Waterloo Regional Airport and the City of Waterloo, Iowa. This letter shares the support from the city, airport board, and airport director for American Airlines, operating as American Eagle, to continue providing Essential Air Service with thirteen weekly roundtrips to Chicago O'Hare (ORD) from the Waterloo Regional Airport (ALO).

We ask that the preferences of the City of Waterloo and the airport be given all due consideration. Any information or assistance you could provide us with respect to this issue would be greatly appreciated. I know Waterloo is strongly committed to maintaining air service at the Waterloo Regional Airport.

Thank you for your time and prompt consideration of this matter. If we may be of any assistance with this matter, please contact any of our Washington, D.C. offices.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Grassley United States Senator Joni K. Ernst United States Senator

Ashley Hinson Member of Congress