



May 14, 2019

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Stark Economic Development Board Support of Ohio Air Service Development Fund

Dear Ren,

I am writing this letter to express the Stark Economic Development Board's whole hearted support of Akron-Canton Airport's (CAK) funding request through the Ohio Air Service Development Fund. The Stark Economic Development Board is a private nonprofit economic development group located in Canton whose mission is to attract and expand business investment in Stark County. The Akron-Canton Airport (CAK) has been a critical partner in attracting business investment to our county and region as evidenced by the growth in flights to and from CAK.

Business investment means more jobs and a higher standard of living for our citizens. Air service development is a critical component of attracting that development. CAK has been a leader in bringing development to our region. Stark Economic Development Board supports the development of CAK to help us strengthen Stark County as a whole. With the additional funding CAK can provide the workforce development that is an important factor for business and talent attraction. In recent studies, increased air service has shown an increase in the overall economic impact on the communities as a whole. The increase in air service has made it easier for businesses to locate in the area because of easy connectivity to other areas.

Stark Economic Development Board appreciate's your serious consideration of Akron Canton Airport's Ohio Air Service Development Fund. We look forward to a favorable determination.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ray Hexamer".

Ray Hexamer
CEO & President