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Mr. Gus Carbonell
Vice President, Planning
AirTran Airways
6280 Hazeltine National Drive
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Dear Mr. Carbonell:

CLERK OF
THE BOARD

For more than a year, AirTran Airways has provided reasonable fare jet service to Orlando from the Akron-Canton Regional Airport. We recognize AirTran as a price and quality leader based on their track record, having flown more than 90,000 people to and from Orlando. We also appreciate their commitment to serving medium sized markets with non-stop jet service at a price we can all afford.

Robert J. Wasko

Because we recognize the need for affordable transportation to New York, we enthusiastically support AirTran's application for slots at LaGuardia Airport. Akron-Canton is centrally located and offers low parking and easy access. We are glad to see that airlines are recognizing the importance of smaller airports in their strategic planning efforts.

COUNTY
ADMINISTRATOR

Gary Kubic

If AirTran obtains the slots it is requesting, travelers will be able to fly non-stop to LaGuardia at up to 50% off current published unrestricted fares. That type of price leadership creates value for the community. Travelers who use to drive can now fly to Orlando because of the affordable fares. We would like to experience the same value to New York. We encourage the U.S. Department of Transportation to grant the slots requested by AirTran because the entire region will benefit from the attractive destination at the right price.

Sincerely,

DAVID L. ENGLER
County Commissioner

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