Washington, DC - Today Congressman Steve King released the following statement regarding the U.S. Department of Transportation's decision to select American Eagle Airlines to provide essential air service (EAS) at Sioux City.

"I am pleased that the DOT has granted the City of Sioux City's request and selected American Eagle as the EAS provider in Sioux City," said King. "Round trip service to Chicago O'Hare fits well with the demands of those travelling to and from Sioux City, and I am hopeful that this service will help to increase the air traffic in and out of Sioux City. Commercial air service is an important driver of economic development and growth in today's fast-paced, interconnected, and global economy. Sioux City has historically done very well to leverage community assets like reliable air service to attract new opportunities, and today's decision ensures that it will be able to continue to do so for the foreseeable future."

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