

June 15, 2018

TO: Steamboat Springs City Council

FROM: Steamboat Springs Chamber Resort Association Board of Directors

RE: Steamboat Springs Air Service Tax

The Steamboat Springs Chamber Resort Association (SSCRA) Board of Directors would like to voice support for the Steamboat Citizens to Ensure Air Service Committee in their quest to put a 0.20% sales tax on the ballot in November of 2018. Voters overwhelmingly passed a similar tax in 2011 and the success of this tax allowed for funding out of reserves for years after the tax was sunset. In order to ensure that the economy is not negatively impacted by significant passenger, flight, or destination cuts, it is imperative that we reinstate the tax beginning in 2019.

In 2017 the Chamber polled members to guide future planning. Air service into the Yampa Valley Regional Airport ranked second in the most important issues the Chamber should focus on over the next 2-3 years.

SSCRA is a leader in sustaining a vibrant, healthy economy and air service is a vital component in the Steamboat economy that brings visitors to the Yampa Valley, provides jobs, and preserves our quality of life. SSCRA Board of Directors supports and endorses a 0.20% sales tax to support air service be put on the ballot to vote in November 2018.

In partnership,

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On behalf of the Steamboat Springs Chamber Resort Association Board of Directors