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The Honorable Sam Graves
Chairman, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
United States House of Representatives
2165 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Graves:

On behalf of the 1st Armored Division and Fort Bliss, I strongly support increasing direct flights between El Paso International Airport (ELP) and major U.S. cities to include the National Capital Region.

Fort Bliss and the nearby White Sands Missile Range are home to nearly 100,000 Servicemembers and their Families, in addition to 46,000 veterans in the local area. As such, there is an ever-growing demand for convenient and efficient travel options. The potential value of direct flights for the Fort Bliss community is enormous and directly aligns with our #1 line of effort—caring for people—by promoting a safe and secure installation, and empowering Soldiers, Families, and Civilians to thrive.

As the Senior Mission Commander for 1st Armored Division and Fort Bliss, I encourage you to consider increasing nonstop flights to and from El Paso. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James P. Isenhower III", is located below the "Sincerely," text.

James P. Isenhower III
Major General, U.S. Army
Commanding