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From _____

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Washington, D.C. -- Fourth District Rep. Nick Rahall today sent the following letter in support of Piedmont's consideration to once again fly into the Mercer County Airport.

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Mr. Roy Haggerty
President
CC Air
4651 Charlotte Parkway
Suite 125
Charlotte, North Carolina 28210

Dear Mr. Haggerty:

It is my understanding your offices will be visiting the Bluefield Airport this week to consider it as a possible addition to Piedmont's flight schedule stops.

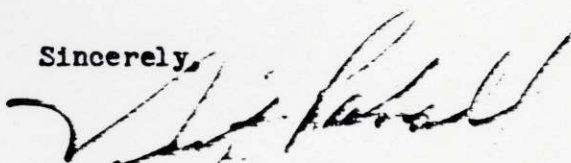
I think your investigation of the Bluefield Airport will provide you with a positive outlook for future investments in Southern West Virginia. As you may be aware, Mercer County in which Bluefield is located is within a five hundred mile radius of fifty percent of the United States' population. In addition, U.S. Interstate 77 bisects Mercer County and provides easy interstate access to such other major interstates as I-64, I-81, and I-79. Mercer County is truly a gateway for West Virginia and the major markets it serves to the south.

It is my understanding that there is much community support for continued and viable air service to Mercer County. I am certain community leaders would lend all possible assistance to any extended service you may find feasible.

May I take this opportunity to pledge my personal support and offer of assistance in all ways possible to your favorable consideration of extended service to the Bluefield Airport. Please let me know, Mr. Haggerty, should I be of service to you in this matter.

With warm regard, I am

Sincerely,


NICK J. RAHALL, II
Member of Congress

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plan on phone conversation. I stand ready to help in any way.

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