

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

September 1, 2020

Vasu Raja
Chief Revenue Officer
American Airlines
1 Skyview Drive
Fort Worth, TX 76155

Dear Mr. Raja,

We write to express our concern about the recent announcement that American Airlines intends to suspend service at the Stillwater Regional Airport in Stillwater, Oklahoma effective October 7, 2020 through November 3, 2020. This decision will have an outsized impact on the City of Stillwater, Oklahoma State University, surrounding communities and the Stillwater airport.

Today, American Airlines is the third largest private sector employer in Oklahoma with over 6,000 employees, many of whom are located at the world's largest commercial aviation maintenance base, American Airlines' Tech Ops-Tulsa facility. Collectively, Oklahoma American Airlines employees earn \$466 million annually and the average annual salary is \$73,421, notably higher than Oklahoma's median household income of \$51,924.

In 2016, American Airlines began offering commercial air service to Stillwater, Oklahoma, commencing a strong partnership with the City of Stillwater and Oklahoma State University (OSU). Service to the Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport has provided OSU and Stillwater residents a preferred option when traveling regionally and nationally. Furthermore, the regional business community and OSU have benefited from the frequency and the consistency of your air service, leading to the Stillwater Airport serving 58,000 passengers in 2019, an 8 percent increase from the previous year. Suspending commercial service in Stillwater threatens to disrupt this strong momentum and investment by all stakeholders, including American Airlines.

We urge American Airlines to consider all options to maintain commercial service to Stillwater, Oklahoma, including working collaboratively with the Stillwater community and all regional stakeholders that have come to rely on our nation's largest airline for national and international connectivity. We look forward to working with American Airlines, the City of Stillwater, OSU and all impacted stakeholders moving forward.

Sincerely,



James M. Inhofe
United States Senator



James Lankford
United States Senator



Frank D. Lucas
Member of Congress