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Judson Murdock
Director, Field Operations
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Dear Mr. Murdock:

I strongly endorse the April 1 letter addressed to you from Jacqueline Yaft, Executive Director of the Austin-Bergstrom International Airport (AUS), requesting prompt action to secure a minimum of 15 additional Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) officers to support increased international air service at AUS.

As a frequent AUS traveler, I have personally witnessed the ever-worsening situation as AUS struggles to meet the demands of a growing population and a rapidly expanding economy. CBP's staffing of AUS must remain commensurate with demand. Yet, while AUS has achieved unprecedented growth in international passenger arrivals, the number of CBP officers allocated to AUS has stagnated. Austin's status as an international city supporting world-class endeavors and worldwide visitors is jeopardized by our inability to access sufficient CBP support.

I urge you to work with AUS to ensure swift and reliable processing at its Federal Inspection Services facility. This is important not only for purposes of our nation's security but also for the region's economic prosperity. I look forward to hearing from you promptly regarding how soon and to what extent AUS can expect to be allocated additional CBP officers.

Sincerely,

Lloyd Doggett