Sen. Stevens on CAB

Mr. Secor D. Browne Chairman Civil Aeronautics Board Universal Building Washington, D.C. 20428

Dear Mr. Browne:

Enclosed are copies of correspondence I received from Mayor A. McLean of Juneau, Alaska pertaining to the Board's decision in the Alaska case, CAB Docket 20826.

The Resolution passed by the City and Borough Assembly of Juneau embodies the general adverse reaction of all of Southeastern Alaska to the reduction in the number of air carriers. I have received similar correspond-

ence from Ketchikan and Haines,

In my previous correspondence on this case with the Examiner, I emphasized that the public interest is always best served by competing carriers who are spurred to accommodate the public by frequent scheduling and service. As you know, in my appearance before the Board, I have also stated Alaska's need for frequent and competitive air service.

I understand the Board's decision was predicated on the need for economic stabilization of the airlines and the need to reduce federal subsidy payments to airlines. However, Alaska's

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flying public should not be made to pay the cost of these policies

in the form of monopoly service by one airline.

I know you are familiar with the special transportation problems of my State and I urge the Board to accommodate Alaskans

with competitive air service. Cordially, /s/ Ted Stevens

TED STEVENS United States Senator