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**Subject:** Letter in Support of Advanced Air from local business owner

Honorable Members of the City Council and Airport Authority,

My name is Neil Dipaola and I am the founder and CEO of AutoCamp Yosemite. We operate an outdoor lodging business in nearby Midpines. Both our team and our guests frequently use Merced Airport, Merced car rental agencies, Merced hotels, and Merced restaurants when traveling to and from our property. We also employ approximately 20 Merced residents.

I am strongly in support of the Advanced Air Proposal to provide dependable and affordable air service to Hawthorne and Las Vegas from Merced. This will be a game changer. The thoughtfulness of their proposal shows as it aligns with YARTS schedule for pickups/dropoffs at the airport, making regional intermodal travel simpler, reducing traffic, and more sustainable by taking individual cars off the road and encouraging use of public transit. Further, services through Hawthorne instead of LAX will reduce travel time through the Los Angeles area and improve the passenger experience with less headache and congestion.

Advanced Air is a first class operator and I can personally attest to the quality, cleanliness, and professionalism of their service and team. In contrast to the prior operator, Advanced air will be a long term partner and contributor to the community, businesses and the passengers that it serves.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide any additional information or answer any questions. I can be reached at 805-689-6345.

Kindest Regards,  
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