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WASHINGTON, D.C., April 10 -- Congressman Bob Dole today urged the Civil Aeronautics Board to allow Frontier Airlines to provide single-plane service from Salina, Manhattan/Junction City/Ft. Riley, and Topeka direct to Chicago and to St. Louis.

In a statement before a CAB hearing here, Dole said, "If permitted, Kansans will be afforded comfortable, convenient air service to these two cities without having to travel first to Kansas City."

Frontier's proposal for direct service to Chicago and ST. Louis, Dole added, "is well calculated to meet Kansas' important air transportation needs."

Pointing out 40 percent of Salina's passengers traveling by air to Chicago or St. Louis drive first to Kansas City, Dole said, "Direct flights, by-passing Kansas City, would cut travel time in half."

"The present lack of direct air service is not only a great inconvenience," the Kansas Congressman said, "but also is a significant impediment to our state's industrial and commercial development."

At the initial hearing last fall, the CAB approved Frontier's application to initiate the flights. Later the Bureau of Operating Rights protested the decision.

Pointing out Frontier has offered to operate the direct flights without federal subsidy, Dole said, "This carrier commitment plus the very significant public service benefits point up the practicality and desirability of beginning this service as soon as possible."