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WASHINGTON, D.C. July 1 -- U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) has requested the Chairman of the Civil Aeronautics Board, Mr. Secor D. Brown, expedite action on the petition of Air Midwest to provide adequate scheduled air service to the cities of Great Bend and Hutchinson.

Air Midwest requested this permission from the CAB last March, but no final decision has been made.

"Frontier Airlines, which now provides local carrier service to these communities fully supports the request of Air Midwest," Dole said.

"Citizens of both cities have expressed their approval of the proposal."

Air Midwest at present has six flights daily in and out of Great Bend, and four flights daily in and out of Hutchinson.

If CAB approves Air Midwest's petition, Air Midwest projects they will handle an additional 800 to 1000 passengers per month, many of whom now patronize Frontier.

"I am certain that Air Midwest will continue to provide highly satisfactory service to Great Bend and Hutchinson."

Dole said adequate air transportation is necessary to help fill the void created by the decline of rail passenger service in Kansas during the past few years.