



January 11, 2021

Dear Senator,

As one of the largest employers in the state, I want to ensure you are aware of SkyWest's unqualified support for renaming Dixie State University.

SkyWest was founded in St. George in 1972, but it is no longer just a Southern Utah company. Today, we are one of the largest airlines in the world and employ more than 13,000 employees across the United States. In 2019 alone we carried more than 43 million passengers to destinations throughout North America. We work with and for the world's largest and most successful airlines, including Delta, United, American, and Alaska Airlines.

While we choose to keep our headquarters here in Southern Utah, the diversity of our professionals and the people we serve across our U.S., Canadian, and Mexican markets, requires awareness, tolerance and respect for all. Collectively our words, brands, and actions must reflect that awareness and respect.

It is also our belief that an educational institution must put its current and future students first, and changing the university name demonstrates a steadfast commitment to a student-first mindset. It is our sincere hope that the local community can support this effort: to ensure every qualified student that attends this university has the opportunity to pursue the career of their choice upon completion of a degree. No name or moniker should hinder that worthy objective.

We have a deep respect for the local history, which we know is and can be honored in many ways beyond the University. Renaming the University is an essential step to help further the institution's ability to attract and keep students and future employees who are, like us, mindful of our people and those we serve – both here and around the globe.

Thank you for the work you're doing to support this change.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Russell A. (Chip) Childs in black ink.

Russell A. (Chip) Childs  
President & CEO

Handwritten signature of Robert Simmons in black ink.

Robert Simmons  
Chief Financial Officer

Handwritten signature of Wade Steel in black ink.

Wade Steel  
Chief Commercial Officer