



**U.S. Customs and
Border Protection**

Commissioner

July 24, 2018

The Honorable John Hoeven
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Hoeven:

Thank you for your June 20, 2018 letter to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) regarding the future Williston Basin International Airport and its status as an international airport as defined in 19 C.F.R. § 122.1.

CBP understands the importance of international travel to the city of Williston and to Williams County, North Dakota. CBP values its partnership with Sloulin Field International Airport and is committed to assisting Williston Basin International Airport with expanding international air travel to the region.

CBP will designate Williston Basin as an international airport and will remove the designation from Sloulin Field when the former begins operations. This designation is contingent upon Williston Basin having a completed CBP-compliant General Aviation Facility (GAF) at that time. We will work closely with the city of Williston to meet that requirement, and CBP will initiate the regulatory process necessary to establish Williston Basin as an international airport and terminate Sloulin Field's designation approximately four months prior to the GAF's completion.

Thank you for your letter and interest in this important matter. The co-signers of your letter will receive separate, identical responses. If you should need further assistance, please contact my office at 202-344-1760.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. McAleenan", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Kevin K. McAleenan
Commissioner

cc: The Honorable Kirstjen M. Nielsen, Secretary, Department of Homeland Security
The Honorable Elaine Chao, Secretary, Department of Transportation
The Honorable Daniel Elwell, Administrator (Acting), Federal Aviation Administration