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Administrator Michael Huerta
Orville Wright Building (FOB10A)
FAA National Headquarters
800 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20591

RE: Front Range Airport Sequestration Concern

Dear Administrator Huerta,

I have been made aware of the fact that the impending sequestration budget cuts will have a devastating effect on a very important aviation facility in Colorado. The Front Range Airport (FTG) air traffic control tower is on the list as one of 189 that will have to close as a result of this most recent fiscal crisis. This issue poses a serious concern for FTG and those that will be impacted by their ability to assist with air traffic control.

Front Range Airport is both a valued aviation and economic partner to the City of Aurora. More importantly, this general aviation airport is positioned to become a horizontal launch and recovery spaceport. When combined with DIA, there is not another parcel of land in the United States that is better suited for a commercial point-to-point horizontal launch spaceport than Front Range Airport. Spaceport Colorado could very well be one of the most important developments in aviation history for the State of Colorado. The lack of a control tower at this airport may endanger the ability of FTG to move forward with its application to the FAA Office of Commercial Space Transportation (AST) for Spaceport Colorado designation and jeopardize future development in and around this area.

Mr. Huerta, please reconsider the impending closure of the air traffic control tower at Front Range Airport and allow it to remain operational. It is a very crucial time for this facility, our community, and all residents of Colorado.

If you would like to discuss this matter further, please contact me at 303-739-7015.

Regards,



Mayor Stephen D. Hogan
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