

March 7, 2013

Administrator Michael Huerta  
Orville Wright Building (FOB 10A)  
FAA National Headquarters  
800 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20591

Dear Administrator Huerta,

The Denver South Economic Development Partnership is an organization of government and business leaders committed to the economic vitality and sustainability of the South Metro Denver region. I am writing today, on behalf of this community, to express our concern regarding the potential closure of the Front Range Airport (FTG) Air Traffic Control Tower.

As early supporters of the FTG's application to the FAA for the Spaceport Colorado Designation, we believe the tower closure would have a significant impact on the application and future development.

With the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest concentration of aerospace companies in the U.S., Colorado-based companies develop products and systems for commercial, military, and space applications. Colorado's aerospace companies provide a complete spectrum of research and development, design, and manufacture of guided missiles, space vehicles, satellites and other communications equipment, and navigation and detection instruments.

Colorado's aerospace industry cluster economy supports:

- 24,890 private sector workers
- Approximately 28,750 military personnel
- These 53,640 workers in the aerospace cluster support an additional 110,250 workers in all industries throughout Colorado, bringing direct and indirect employment supported by the aerospace cluster to 163,890 workers.

We believe that the FTG Air Traffic Control Tower and Spaceport Designation Application are simply too important to this sector to jeopardize by closing the tower. That is why we are writing to respectfully request that you reconsider the impending closure of the Air Traffic Control Tower at Front Range Airport.

Sincerely,



Lynn Myers  
Vice President of Economic Development  
Denver South Economic Development Partnership