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Dear Administrator Elwell and Acting Associate Administrator Coleman:


We write to express our support for Colorado's efforts to receive a spaceport operator license and to develop Front Range Airport as Spaceport Colorado. Spaceport Colorado can successfully leverage the region's many existing assets, drive further growth in the commercial space arena, and prove to be a valuable national asset in the future growth of commercial space transportation.

As the number one private aerospace economy in the United States, aerospace and aviation are significant economic drivers in Colorado. Colorado's aerospace industry employs 55,430 workers, supports an additional 135,450 workers in other industries, and generates over \$15.4 billion in annual economic activity. This is due in part to the excellent institutions of higher learning in Colorado, which have some of the highest ranking aerospace engineering programs in the country and consistently top the list of high-tech graduates each year. The state is also home to numerous military space operations and has one of the highest concentrations of federal science and research labs in the nation. By leveraging all of this experience and expertise in the aerospace sector, Colorado is well-positioned to play a key role in the continued development of private commercial space transportation.

A key component of this development is Front Range Airport. Located on 3,200 acres of land and surrounded by over 7,000 acres of privately owned industrial property, Front Range Airport is well positioned to take advantage of both the exceptional Colorado high-tech workforce and can meet the needs of future commercial customers located in the Denver Metropolitan area and the region. These natural advantages, combined with the resources available from Colorado's aerospace community, make Front Range Airport well-situated in the effort to further develop commercial space transportation in Colorado. We look forward to all stakeholders collaborating to ensure activities at FTG will have a minimal impact of commercial aircraft operations at DEN.

It is clear that Colorado, with its extensive assets, will make an excellent spaceport state. We are pleased Front Range Airport's application has been moved into the final 180-day review process and we urge your full, fair, and swift consideration. Thank you for your attention to this request, and we look forward to your response. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require any additional information pertaining to this matter.

Sincerely,



Senator Cory Gardner



Senator Michael Bennet



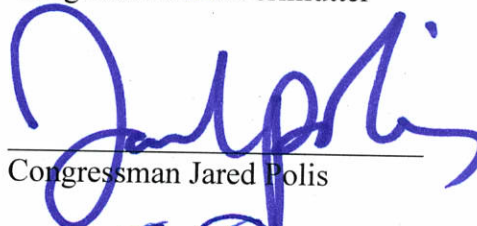
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