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Stacey Zee, FAA Environmental Specialist
c/o ICF
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Re: Spaceport Colorado Draft Programmatic Environmental Assessment and Spaceport Facility License

Dear Ms. Zee:

The City of Arvada supports the Front Range Airport's application for a spaceport facility license, and specifically for approval of the Draft Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) currently under review.

As a leading aerospace state, with a vibrant aerospace economy, Colorado needs this spaceport to offer our commercial aerospace industry every option to remain competitive and cutting-edge. The Metro Denver area has universities, medical institutions satellite manufacturers and supportive local governments who want access to sub-orbital, microgravity space for research and launch opportunities. In contrast to remotely located spaceports, Spaceport Colorado is accessible to more than 450 aerospace companies here in the state and to thousands more around the world through connections at Denver International Airport.

Our understanding of the Draft PEA is that the spaceport's future operations, with the use of the Type X vehicle, are compatible with operations at Denver International Airport and its carriers. Although we know that future take-off and landings of horizontal, reusable space planes may be years away, the opportunity to spark the development of an aerospace and technology park at Spaceport Colorado is economically beneficial to all our communities.

When the FAA certifies flight operators that are suitable for Spaceport Colorado, we want to be ready to accommodate them.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mark G. Deven'.

Mark G. Deven
City Manager